

25th July 2019

To,
Shri Nitin Gadkari
Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways
Transport Bhavan
Delhi 110 011



Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the passage of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill 2019

On behalf of the Road Safety Network we would like to congratulate the Government for the passage of the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill 2019 in the Lok Sabha. We applaud the urgency with which your Ministry has pushed the Bill and ensured its passage in the very first session of this Government's new term.

Your presence in the house and the assurances that you gave to allay the fears expressed by some members has surely played a pivotal role in the passage of the Bill.

However, as was the case the last time, the real challenge will be the passage of the Bill in the upper house. We hope that you shall continue to persevere and take the opposition into confidence and address their concerns so that the Bill does not run into a roadblock.

We have noted that no opposition party has objected to even a single clause in the Bill **related to road safety**, be it the increase in penalties, the inclusion of the Good Samaritan provisions, the stringent measures to ensure key safety measures such as the use of helmets, seat-belts and child restraints, the holding to account of any authority, road contractor or consultant for faulty roads, the culpability of parents of juveniles for violation of rules, provisions for the electronic monitoring and enforcement of road safety, etc.

It is our urgent and ardent appeal to you that the Bill be passed in this session of the Parliament. Every day that the Bill is delayed will lead to the death of another 400 of our fellow countrymen, women and children and the intolerable burden that this places on families, society and the country.

Regards,

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On behalf of the Road Safety Network

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