

Preface

I am immensely happy to know that Haryana Police has prepared a Driving Manual for enhancing awareness about traffic laws, statutes and road regulations, and also for upgrading the driving skills of prospective drivers.

Lack of driving sense and perpetual disobedience of traffic rules has made our roads extremely unsafe. It does not come as a surprise that most of the drivers of motor vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and even the traffic police personnel managing and controlling traffic on the roads are not fully aware of traffic rules and regulations. Lack of awareness about the concept of safe or defensive driving coupled with poor enforcement of rules of the road have resulted in chaotic driving conditions on Indian roads. More than 1,40,000 persons die in accidents on Indian roads every year. The last decade has seen almost 50% increase in the number of road deaths. Gravity of the situation can be gauged from the fact that India has 1% of the World's vehicles and 10% of the road accidents.

Lack of driving skills is the single most important cause of traffic accidents in the country. With increasing population and rising economic prosperity, lakhs of new drivers are added to our roads every year. The situation on road safety front will not improve unless the prospective drivers are imparted proper training in driving. One of the very important steps to bring some discipline on the road and prevent accidents is to offer quality driver training and implement an effective licensing system. This driving manual is a step in that direction and will go a long way in helping improve the driving skills of our people. It is an excellent effort for which I congratulate Shri Shatrujeet Kapur, IPS, Additional Director General of Police and his team for showing the way and preparing the second edition of this manual, which is a first of its kind in the country.

My best wishes for a happy journey!

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