Consumer Organisations Appreciates Assam Government

Guwahati, Jan 16: Consumer Legal Protection Forum, Assam and Consumer VOICE, New Delhi based consumer protection organization working to promote road safety, appreciates the efforts of Assam government for their efforts towards the implementation of New Motor Vehicles Act 2019. On the eve of 31st National Road Safety Week in the letter written to Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Transport Minister Chandan Mohan Patowary, the civil society organizations applaud the work of ministry, considering its proper implementation of rules for road safety. Advocate Ajay Hazarika, Secretary, CLFPF said "The most effective way to reduce road crash deaths is through strengthening road safety laws. We appreciate the initiatives taken by the Transport Department, Govt. of Assam to implement and enforcing the new rules laid down in MVA, 2019. We hope that the offence related to violation of road safety norms in Assam will decline further in future, as the government of Assam will strictly implement and enforce the MVA 2019. As a result of such efforts 45,693 offence cases have been registered from April to September, 2019 against 19,474 cases in 2018 as per data available with the Lead Agency of Road Safety, Govt. of Assam. There has been 170% increase in compound of committing fine from April to November in the year 2019-20 with that of 2018-19 from Rs. 11.97 crores to Rs. 29.88 crores. Ashim Sanyal, COO, Consumer VOICE Delhi said, we congratulate the government of Assam for taking strict steps to implement the new rules in the state towards road safety. According to the road transport and highways ministry, half a million accidents are reported in India every year, in which 150,000 people lose their lives. Assam has 18th rank in terms of accident-related deaths across States in 2018. We hope through proper implementation it will come down soon. As per Ministry's latest statement in Lok Sabha the deaths in road accident in Assam reduced by at least 9% in first two months after the amended MV Act came into effect on September 2019. The amendment Act will help to reduce the road fatalities and injuries with the stringent penalties / other provisions and change the road habits of citizens who are breaking the rules. Consumer Legal Protection Forum is joining hands with the state transport ministry by participating in the events to observe the 31st National Road Safety Week in the state.
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