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Date: 21-01-2026

To,

The Chairman,

Mandal Road Safety Committee,

Agra Division, Uttar Pradesh

Through: Member Secretary,

Mandal Road Safety Committee, Agra Division

Subject: Urgent Strengthening of Emergency Medical Services, Trauma Care, and Victim Support on the Yamuna Expressway (Agra-Mathura)

Sir,

This representation is respectfully submitted for record and consideration in the Mandal Road Safety Committee meeting dated 21.01.2026. I am an Orthopaedic Surgeon, a member of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), and associated with District and Regional Road Safety Committees, as well as an NGO working in the field of road safety.

The multi-vehicle accident on the Yamuna Expressway on 16.12.2025, resulting in 19 fatalities and 92 injuries, exposed serious gaps in emergency medical response and trauma preparedness on the 80 km Agra-Mathura stretch. These gaps are particularly concerning as they relate to decisions taken by the Mandal Road Safety Committee on 19.11.2025, many of which were not fully implemented prior to the incident.

1. Reference to Mandal Decisions and the 16.12.2025 Accident

In the meeting dated 19.11.2025, the Mandal directed, inter alia:

- Deployment of ambulances near black spots and review of trauma centre readiness
- Availability of standard ambulances, trained staff, and cranes at toll plazas
- Strengthening of the Hit-and-Run compensation scheme with adequate publicity
- Joint investigation of crashes involving three or more fatalities
- Enhanced fog-season preparedness and enforcement

Despite these directions, the accident of 16.12.2025 revealed delays in ambulance arrival (approximately 21 minutes), lack of organised mass-casualty triage, and absence of a designated trauma hub for the affected expressway stretch.

The DGP, Uttar Pradesh, also issued a detailed fog advisory on 19.12.2025 referencing this accident, reiterating the need for coordinated medical and road safety measures. The incident demonstrates that earlier Mandal decisions had not been translated into effective ground-level action.

2. Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Gaps

While average ambulance response times may meet general norms, the Yamuna Expressway is a high-speed corridor prone to mass-casualty incidents, requiring corridor-specific planning. Key deficiencies include:

- Absence of a dedicated Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance plan for the expressway
- Limited ALS capability and unclear referral protocols at toll-plaza ambulances
- Lack of notified trauma centres in Mathura and Mainpuri districts
- Delays inconsistent with the “golden hour” principle of trauma care

It is therefore requested that:

- ALS-equipped ambulances be stationed at each toll plaza on the Agra–Mathura stretch, targeting a 5–10 minute response time
- Mathura District Hospital or CHC Baldeo be upgraded and notified as a trauma centre for expressway accidents
- A Mandal-level “Accidental Medical Action Plan” be notified, clearly defining hospital roles and reserving beds/ICU capacity for expressway casualties

3. Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Management

The 16.12.2025 accident highlighted the absence of standardised MCI protocols, including triage and on-site medical command.

It is requested that the Mandal approve a standard MCI SOP, providing for:

- Use of colour-coded triage tags by ambulance and toll-plaza staff
- Designation of a medical incident commander for crashes involving three or more fatalities
- Mandatory hospital “Code MCI” activation, including OT, ICU, and blood bank readiness
- Inclusion of medical response analysis in joint investigation reports, in addition to engineering and enforcement aspects

4. Hit-and-Run Scheme and Victim Assistance

Despite repeated directions, implementation of the Hit-and-Run compensation scheme remains inadequate. Reportedly, only two cases have been processed in Agra district as of January 2026.

It is requested that:

- All district and major expressway-side hospitals establish a help desk to guide victims’ families regarding compensation schemes
- The designated insurer submit quarterly reports to the Mandal on claims received, processed, and pending, with reasons for delay

5. Immediate Cashless Treatment for Accident Victims

There is currently no structured mechanism for immediate, cashless treatment during the critical first seven days following a road accident. Financial constraints often result in delayed or compromised care.

It is submitted that the Mandal may consider, in principle:

- Cashless treatment for the first seven days for all road accident victims, up to ₹2 lakh per victim, in government and empanelled private hospitals
- Prohibition on refusal or delay of emergency treatment due to non-payment
- Reimbursement to hospitals from district/state funds within a defined timeline

- Full state support for unidentified victims, with later adjustment against insurance or compensation where applicable

A pilot of this mechanism on the Yamuna Expressway may be initiated with technical support from IMA.

6. Review of Fog-Season and Black-Spot Measures

In line with the decisions of 19.11.2025 and the DGP's advisory dated 19.12.2025, it is requested that:

- District-wise compliance with Mandal decisions be reviewed in today's meeting
- The 16.12.2025 accident be treated as a test case, and a comprehensive joint report, including medical response analysis, be placed before the Mandal

7. IMA Support and Medical Sub-Committee

IMA Agra is willing to support the Administration through:

- Training of drivers, toll staff, and police in first aid and basic trauma care
- Assistance in drafting MCI SOPs and hospital documentation formats
- Technical support for cashless treatment mechanisms and audits
- Participation in joint investigations of major fatal accidents

In view of the above, it is requested that:

- A Medical Sub-Committee under the Mandal Road Safety Committee be constituted
- The undersigned be permitted to serve as a voluntary Medical Nodal Person for coordination between medical services and the Mandal

Road fatalities in Agra Division have increased significantly in 2025, underscoring the urgent need to strengthen EMS and trauma care alongside enforcement and engineering measures. The Yamuna Expressway accident of 16.12.2025 is a clear reminder that policy decisions must be swiftly implemented to save lives.

It is respectfully requested that this letter be annexed to today's minutes and that time-bound directions be issued on the above matters.

Yours faithfully,



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