

UNION MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LAUNCHES REWARDING SCHEME FOR GRANT OF AWARD TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHO HAS SAVED LIFE OF A VICTIM OF A FATAL ACCIDENT INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE

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Any individual who has saved life of a victim of a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing to Hospital within the Golden Hour of the accident to provide medical treatment would be eligible for the award. An individual Good Samaritan can be awarded maximum 5 times in a year.

The amount of award for the Good Samaritan(s) would be Rs.5,000/- per incident. On receipt of communication from the Police Station/Hospital, District Level Appraisal Committee shall review and approve the proposals on a monthly basis. The Appraisal Committee at the District Level comprising District Magistrate, SSP, Chief Medical and Health Officer, RTO (Transport Department) of the concerned District would sanction and send the cases to the concerned State/UT Transport Depart for making the payment to the Good Samaritans.

MoRTH will provide Rs. 5 Lakhs as initial grant to the Transport Department of the State/UT for making payment to the Good Samaritans. Subsequently, Ministry would reimburse the amount to the States/UTs on monthly basis.

A State Level Monitoring Committee under Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Home) having Commissioner (Health) and ADGP (Traffic & Road Safety) as Members and Transport Commissioner as Member Secretary shall do Quarterly Meetings to monitor the proper implementation of scheme.

Every year, the State Level Monitoring Committee of each State/UT will nominate three most worthy proposals for national level awards on yearly basis to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for further consideration. MoRTH would have an Appraisal Committee for this purpose and they shall review the proposals received from the States / UTs and select the best ten Good Samaritans of the year. They will be awarded with Rs. 1,00,000/- each along with a Certificate and trophy during National Road Safety Month (NRSM) in Delhi.

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