

REAR SEAT-BELT ALARM TO BE MADE MANDATORY

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The Union government is planning to make it mandatory for automakers to introduce a seat-belt alarm system for rear seats too, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

At present, it is mandatory for all vehicle manufacturers to provide seat-belt reminders only for front-seat passengers.

“Because of the death of Cyrus Mistry in a car accident, we have taken a decision that there will be a seat belt beep system for the rear seats also in vehicles,” he said addressing a function.

“We will issue a draft notification in three or four days [for making it mandatory for automakers to introduce a seat-belt alarm system for rear seats also],” Mr. Gadkari added.

Former Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry was killed in a road accident on Sunday after his car hit a divider in Palghar district of Maharashtra.

Rs. 1,000 fine

Though not wearing a seat belt by passengers sitting in the rear seats attracts a fine of Rs. 1,000 under Rule 138 (3) of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), most people are either unaware of this rule or just ignore the stipulation.

Even traffic policemen seldom impose penalty on passengers sitting on rear seats for not wearing seat belts.

According to a recent Road Ministry report, the number of persons killed and injured due to not wearing a seat belt during 2020 stood at 15,146 and 39,102, respectively.

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