

**Your feedback, comments and suggestions are invited:**

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## **Comments of Various Personalities on Book**



**"This book is a valuable piece of work and would certainly educate its readers on the present state of our road traffic and how each of us can contribute to ensure that traffic related hazards are controlled".**

**R K Pachauri, Ph.D,**  
**Noted Environmentalist & Noble Prize Winner**  
Director General of TERI and Chairman of the IPCC  
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)  
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### **From International Road Federation**



**"It is an excellent attempt in highlighting the problems of the road safety and I heartily congratulate you on publishing the book. We Salute the efforts from professionals like you in this context".**

**K K Kapila**  
CMD – ICT Pvt ltd.  
**Vice chairman – IRF [International Road Federation]**  
**Chairman – India Chapter**  
**President - CEAI**



**Dear Dr Kulshrestha,**

*Please accept my thanks. I also wanted to let you know that we mentioned your book in our response to the Draft Plan for the Decade of Action on road safety - I attach this response for your interest. I also attach the NGO Declaration, on which our response was based. ["According to the World Bank (2009), urban air pollution is responsible for 800,000 deaths each year, 90% of which caused by motor vehicles. The Book Tsunami on Roads, Wake up India, by Dr Sanjay Kulshrestha, published in 2010, lists 17 References relating to pollution, including on the impact of pollution on traffic policemen and their children,----"*

*With best wishes,*

**Brigitte Chaudhry**  
**President European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR)**  
**Founder & President RoadPeace (UK)**



"It really is the need of the hour to highlight the ever-increasing problem of traffic indiscipline on Indian roads. It's a great endeavor of yours to make both the public and the government to look at this serious problem from every possible angle. As for the Government part you have rightly pointed out nobody is clear which department or Ministry deals with the issue of road accidents. I fully agree with you the problem of road accidents resembles an orphan that nobody likes to claim.

The biggest culprits are we ourselves who never appreciate the rules have been made for our safety and not for traffic department or health department. The chapter 6 makes interesting study on this issue. Analogy of class children and teacher with public and policemen is most apt. From drinking and driving to road conditions, stray animals and VIPs, pedestrians 'rights etc. you seem to have covered almost all the aspects making this reference book too.

When we go abroad, we see if somebody blows horn at you it amounts to swearing at you. People fight over 'Why did you blow you horn?' Here in India it's boldly written on the back side of the vehicles' BLOW HORN'. Here we often fight over, 'Why didn't you blow the horn when you over took me?'

A few years ago we made a short comedy film on Under Age driving, 'LADLA DRIVER'. It was on those parents who boast on their underage children and let them drive on roads at an early age, as early as the age of 12.

I wish you all the best for this book. Being a doctor you know how to diagnose a problem. Regards to your profession and love to your passion".

**Jaspal Bhatti**  
**Noted Film & Television Personality**

**From Shri Kamal Nath**  
**Honble Minister of Road Transport & Highways**  
**Govt. of India**

**Dear Dr Kulshrehtha**

Minister Kamal Nath is pleased to learn of the book written by you on the traffic related hazards in India. Several steps are being taken by the Ministry to address the problem. You may please meet the Joint Secretary Mr S K DASH, who is looking into policy issues on this subject. Thereafter we may work on your call on the Minister.

Regards

Khalid Jamal  
Officer on Special Duty  
to Minister of Road Transport & Highways,  
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भारत

MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS  
INDIA

February 4, 2010

Dear 

I thank you for sending a copy of your book "Tsunami on Roads: Wake up India!" I shall read the same with much interest.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
Kamal Nath

Dr. Sanjay Kulshrestha  
1/188-C, Delhi Gate  
Gulab Rai Marg  
Agra 2



**From the Office of WHO**

Dear Dr Kulshrestha,

**“We really appreciate the efforts made by you and thank you for the step taken towards saving precious lives”.**

**Chamaiparn Santikarn, MD, MPH.  
Regional Advisor Disabilities,  
Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation,  
WHO – SEARO**



**Shri Rahul Bajaj  
Managing Director/CEO of Bajaj Auto**

**“Commented in response to author’s request “to reconsider the decision of ‘ No more scooters now”**

Dear Dr. Kulshrestha,

Thank you for your letter (undated) and for sending a copy of your book, “Tsunami on Roads : Wake Up India!”.

I have been the Managing Director/CEO of Bajaj Auto since 1968. For many years now, I am functioning as a Non-executive Chairman and do not interfere in the day to day management of the company which is looked after by my elder son, Rajiv who is the Managing Director and CEO of the company.

Keeping in mind various considerations, Rajiv and his team decided to suspend scooter production for the time being.

The Management is concentrating on motorcycles, 3-wheelers and is also developing a 4-wheeler. They are concentrating on bringing out new models and also on exports. I am forwarding your letter and the book to Rajiv for his information.

**With my best wishes,  
Rahul Bajaj.**



# Spectrum

The Tribune

“Trust Indian authorities to place cart before the horse. Even before a yard of decent road was added doors were opened for corporate houses to set up automobile manufacturing plants in the country. Soon the roads of various shapes and sizes disappeared under the “tsunami” of traffic – not just within towns and cities but the highways too. And, since no preplanning for managing the “auto-explosion” was done, loss of human lives due to road rage hit the roof – one serious accident every minute and one death every five minutes! Did you say mayhem and massacre? Bingo!

**This book is a must read not only for road users but also for the powers that be”.**

**by Randeep Wadehra**



## ROAD SAFETY RESOURCE CENTER

“I enjoyed reading your book. Every small aspect was beautifully conveyed. We all have understood the problem but It is a painful fact that we are still not in full action. We are unfortunately not the decision makers. What can we really do now? I have a suggestion. I believe in full time contribution for reforms. Every conscious citizen shall be made to work on such mission. Your quality time shall be used for making a serious change. If that sounds fine, let us begin exploring such possibilities. I am happy to have your association as another conscious citizen”.

**S.Suresh BE**

**Founder youth task force**

**Road safety resource center**

**Accident research center**

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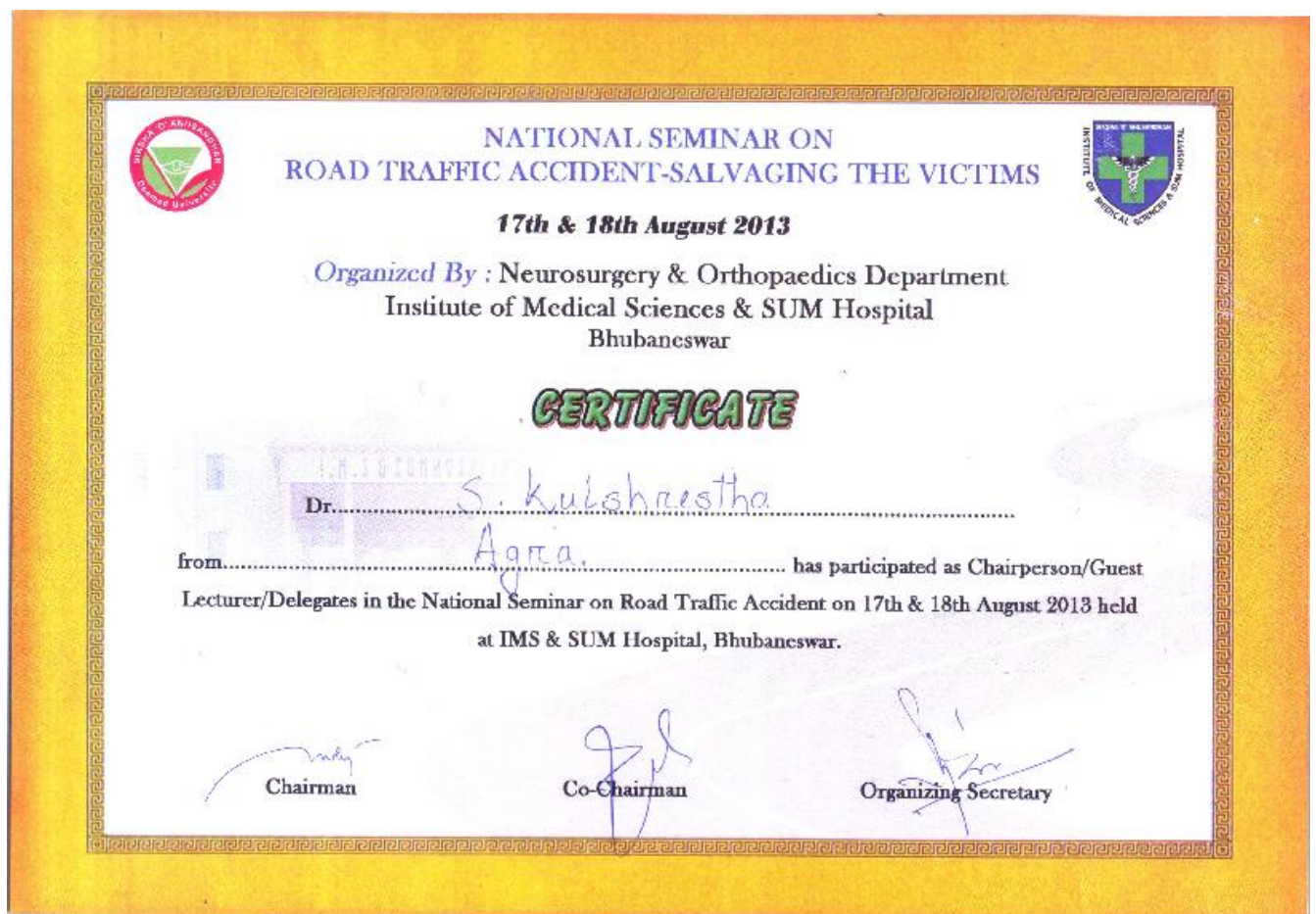


**Joginder Singh, IPS (Retd.)**

"This is very well researched and very well presented book on Tsunami on the Road, Wake Up India. I compliment you for an excellent work on all aspects of the road problems, including road rage, drunken driving and other allied subject. Thoughtfully, you have given solutions about what can be done not only to help the accident victims, but also the measures, which should be taken to decongest the cities. You figures about the subsidies, the poor traffic management and the public attitude, are worth considering by the decision makers. I can only salute you for this work and wish you the best of luck for many more books on public issues".

**Joginder Singh, IPS (Retd.)**  
**Former Director, CBI,**  
**India,**

**Delivered Guest Lecture on Road accidents in Bhubaneswar in the  
Institute of Medical Sciences & SUM Hospital on National Seminar on  
Road traffic Accident Salvaging the victims in aur 2013**





"Looking at traffic, especially at a time when both Delhi and Mumbai are slowly choking to a crawl, is perhaps relevant. In "Tsunami on Roads: Wake Up India!", Dr Sanjay Kulshrestha, a senior medical practitioner, has painstakingly deconstructed the deterioration in Indian traffic conditions and the resultant toll on human life and our environment. His is the urgent voice of a common citizen and his analysis is unerring in logic. It is a work on terrorism on our roads, on India's traffic and attendant problems".

**Mr. Dilip Cherian.**  
Co-Founder and Consulting Partner of Perfect Relations,  
Mid-Day Columnist, Infomedia Ltd

### **Invited by Parliamentary Committee meant for National Road Safety Bill and Traffic Management Bill**

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**No.RS.3(3)/2010-T&T**

**Dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2010**

From

Swarabji B.  
Joint Director

To

Dr. Sanjay Kulshrestha,  
1/188-C, Delhi Gate,  
Gulab Rai Marg,  
Agra-2

**Sub.:- The National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill, 2010-  
Examination of.**

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture under the Chairmanship of Shri Sitaram Yechury, M.P. is examining **The National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill, 2010**. In this connection, the Committee would like to have the benefit of your independent views/suggestions on the various provisions of the Bill before submitting its Report to the Parliament.

2. I accordingly, request you to make it convenient to appear before the Committee at **11.00 A.M. on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 in Committee Room 'A', Ground Floor, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi** for the purpose.
3. A line of confirmation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Swarabji B.)  
Joint Director

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**No. RS.8(1)/2011-T&T**

**Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

To

**Shri Sanjay Kulshreshtha,  
Senior Paediatric Surgeon,  
Sarkar Hospital, Delhi gate,  
Agra**

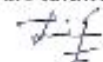
**Subject: One Hundred Sixtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on the "National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill, 2010".**

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the One Hundred Sixtieth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture on "National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill, 2010", which was presented to the Parliament on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

2. The receipt of the same may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



(Swarabji B.)  
Joint Director

**Enclosure: One**

6. Representative of Institute of Road Traffic Education presented their views before the Committee on the qualifications of Members and Chairperson of the Board, absence of systemized traffic enforcement in the country, lack of scientific investigation into road accidents and setting up of boards at state level.
7. Representatives of Automotive Research Association of India while welcoming the establishment of national safety board emphasized the need for coordinating various research institutes in road sector under the Board. They also expressed their apprehensions over the structure of the board and its members.
8. Dr. Sanjay Kulshreshtha presented his views on the reduction of deaths on roads and also on the alarming rise in number of vehicles in the country. He informed the Committee about the necessity for introduction of traffic safety subject at school level and redesigning of roads and vehicles for reduction of road fatalities.
9. A verbatim record of proceedings of the meeting was kept.
10. The Committee adjourned at 1.05 P.M.





**PARLIAMENT OF INDIA  
RAJYA SABHA**

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**DEPARTMENT - RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, TOURISM AND CULTURE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH REPORT  
ON  
THE NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT  
BOARD BILL, 2010**

(PRESENTED TO THE HON'BLE CHAIRMAN, RAJYA SABHA ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2010)  
(PRESENTED TO THE HON'BLE SPEAKER, LOK SABHA ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2010)

(PRESENTED TO THE RAJYA SABHA ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010)  
(LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010)

**RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT  
NEW DELHI**  
JULY, 2010/SRAVANA, 1932 (SAKA)



**From the Office of 'COMMON CAUSE'**

"I must compliment you for this labour of love, which bears testimony to your social conscience, perspicacity and scientific approach to problem solving. I am sure your book will be a welcome addition to the literature on road safety and help raise public awareness of the urgency to address the problem of traffic related hazards.

A total disregard of the considerations of road safety has been one of the major failures in India's development saga. Traffic related hazards are imposing a heavy economic, social and environmental burden on our country. It was in this context that Common Cause had moved the Supreme Court by writ petition No. WP (Civil) 580/2003 with a blueprint for improving the standards of road safety in India, but unfortunately the Supreme Court, in a rare display of reluctance to encroach upon the executive domain, dismissed our petition. (2008 AIR 2116 2008(6) SCR262 2008(5) SCC511 2008(4) SCALE848 2008(4) JT317)"

**Kamal Kant Jaswal  
Director, COMMON CAUSE  
House, 5, Institutional Area,  
Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj,**



International Road Federation  
Fédération Routière Internationale  
Federación Internacional de Caminos  
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K.K. Kapila  
CMD-ICT Pvt. Ltd.  
Vice Chairman IRF &  
Chairman- India Chapter  
President-CEAI

12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

**Sub : Confirmation of receipt of the Book "Tsunami on Roads : Wake up India".**

*Dear Dr kulshreshtha,*

This is to thankfully acknowledge the receipt of your book on "Tsunami on Roads : Wake up India". It is an excellent attempt in highlighting the problems of road safety and I heartily congratulate you on publishing this book. I would be happy to get 10 copies of this book for distribution amongst the concerned and connected stakeholders. You may kindly advise the publishers to send me the proforma advice for the books and we will send the payment for the same.

Since you have taken so much interest in this field, I am enclosing a copy of the recommendations of the 4th IRF Regional Conference on 'Accident Prevention : Road Safety Measures' held on 23rd & 24th October '09 along with a brief summary of the initiatives already taken in association with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and various other Govt. Departments. I assure you that the key issues have been aptly flagged and we are working continuously with the Mission to reduce the road fatalities by half by the year 2012. We salute the efforts from professionals like you, in this context.

*With warm Regards.*  
*Yours sincerely,*

*K.K. Kapila*  
(K.K. Kapila)

*Encl : As above*

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Dr. Sanjay Kulshreshta,  
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Gulab Rai Marg,  
Agra

Dear Dr. Kulshreshta,

Thank you very much for giving your consent to deliver a Key note address/Scientific talk/ chairing the scientific session on **20<sup>th</sup> March 2010** on the topic **"Tsunami on the Roads"**. The faculty members of Institute of Medical Sciences will feel honoured with your scientific deliberation and your gracious presence. The Golden Jubilee Celebration will have a week long programme on scientific, cultural, curricular and extra curricular activities from 15<sup>th</sup> March through 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010. You are also invited to join these programme and be a part of the mega event to perceive the persona of your old days in the institute.

Please write us about your mode of travel, accommodation and the places you would like to visit during your stay. An early response will be extremely helpful to us to organise the programme successfully.

Yours faithfully,

(T.M.MOHAPATRA)  
DIRECTOR

Copy to: 1. Chairman, Scientific Committee.  
2. Chairman, Accommodation and Transport Committee.  
3. Head, Department of Pediatric Surgery, IMS.

(T.M.MOHAPATRA)  
DIRECTOR

## From Easy Drive Forum

"Your book is really the need of the hour and let's hopes our Govt. and related authorities do something constructive in the right direction. I have also posted a link to your book's website on <http://www.easydriveforum.com/> and a Thread has been put permanently on the homepage of <http://www.easydriveforum.com>. Tsunami on Indian Roads A book dedicated to victims of road accidents. An honest discussion of causes & management of road traffic hazards"

**Ravi Singh**  
Chief Editor, Easy Drive Forum



A detailed review of the book in the editorial section of the Maharashtra times has appeared on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2010

वाहनानं रात्रीचा प्रवास, घाटातला प्रवास असे विषय काढले की ड्रायव्हर कसा असेल या शंकेनं मन चिंतीत असायचं. कुणी रात्रीच्या वेळी प्रवासाला निघालं की, काळजी वाटायची आणि पोचल्या पोचल्या खुशाली कळवण्याची सूचना दिली जायची... पण आता या संकल्पनाच बदलल्या आहेत. रस्ता जीवघेणा ठरण्यासाठी केवळ ड्रायव्हिंग हा एकच धोकादायक घटक राहिलेला नाही. या बदलत्या परिस्थितीनं लेखकाला अस्वस्थ केलं आणि त्यातूनच केलेल्या अभ्यासातून हे पुस्तक साकारलंय!

वाहतुकीची जीवघेणी कोंडी, गाड्यांची वाढती संख्या, रस्त्यावरच्या अपघातांचं वाढतं प्रमाण, रस्त्यावरून चालणाऱ्या घटकांचं बेफिकीर व स्वैर वागणं, प्रचंड प्रमाणात होत असलेलं वायुप्रदूषण... या असंख्य गोष्टी आपल्याकडची वाहतूक-व्यवस्था किती घसरली आहे, याचं द्योतक आहेत. रोजच्या रोज यासंबंधीच्या समस्यांचं स्वरूप भयाण होतं आहे. या भस्मासुरानं किती भयावह स्वरूप घेतलं आहे, याचा विविध अंगांनी आढावा या पुस्तकात घेण्यात आला आहे.

आपली गाडी नसली, आपल्याला रोज ऑफिसला जायचं नसलं, आपलं कामाचं ठिकाण जवळच असलं... अशी काहीही कारणं असली तरी आपला जवळजवळ रोज रस्त्याशी संबंध येणं काही चुकत नाही. आपण लहान-मोठे कुणीही असलो तरी रस्त्याशी व पर्यायानं वाहतूक-व्यवस्थेशी संबंध न येता जगणं अशक्य आहे. दुसरं म्हणजे, तुम्ही एकदा या व्यवस्थेत आलात की सगळेजण एकाच दर्जाचे असता. तिथे हुद्दा, शिक्षण, विचार वगैरे वेगळेपणाचा प्रभाव पडत नाही. त्यामुळे वाहतूकव्यवस्था नावाचं जे काही सुरू असतं त्याच्याशी जुळवून घेण्याशिवाय पर्याय नसतो, अशी लेखकाची धारणा आहे. त्यातूनच ही 'व्यवस्था' सर्वांगाने समजून घेत ती उलगडून दाखवण्याचा प्रयत्न केला गेला आहे..

गेल्या दोन दशकांत देशातलं वायुप्रदूषण आठपटीनं वाढलं आहे. डब्ल्यूएचओच्या मते, भारतात दरवर्षी प्रदूषणामुळे पाच लाख २८ हजार मृत्यू होतात. गेल्या सहा दशकांत भारतातल्या वाहनांची संख्या १९५० सालातल्या ३.५ लाखांवरून २००९ मध्ये १२ कोटीपर्यंत वाढली आहे. त्या तुलनेत रस्त्यांचे प्रमाण मात्र फारच कमी वाढले आहे. त्यातून वाहतूककोंडी होते. दर आठवड्याला सरासरी दोन-तीन तास वाहतूक-कोंडीत जातात. यामुळे दरवर्षी एखाद्या शहरात १०० कोटी रुपयांचं इंधन वाया जातं. आता रस्ते वाढवणं शक्य नाही. लोक आणि प्रशासन एकमेकाकडे बोटं दाखवतात... या सगळ्यातून दुष्टचक्र निर्माण झालं आहे. हे ठळक मुद्दे झाले. त्यातून असंख्य प्रश्नांना जन्म दिलाय. त्याचा आवाका लेखकानं अतिशय संवेदनशीलतेनं, अभ्यासपूर्ण रीतीनं मांडलाय. मुद्दे, कारणे, पॉइंट्सच्या स्वरूपात हे चित्र समोर ठेवलंय. योग्य तिथे आकडेवारी, दाखले दिले आहेत. या सगळ्या मुद्द्यांचं विश्लेषण केलंय. मध्यधुंद अवस्थेत गाडी चालवणं, वाहतुकीचे नियम धाब्यावर बसवणं, वाहतूक पोलिसाची होणारी तारेवरची कसरत, वाहनांमागचं आर्थिक गणित, शहरातल्या रस्त्यांची एकंदर स्थिती अशा विषयांचा तपशिलवार आढावा या पुस्तकामध्ये घेण्यात आला आहे.

केवळ प्रश्न उपस्थित करून न थांबता, समस्या आणि त्यांची कारणमीमांसा केल्यानंतर लेखकानं उपाय सुचवले आहेत व शिफारसीही केल्या आहेत. एकूणच शहराचं नियोजन कसं असावं, त्यामध्ये गोंधळ आणि कोंडी निर्माण होऊ नये म्हणून काय करावं, याची दोन प्रकरणांत सविस्तर चर्चा आहे. त्यात सुचवलेल्या उपायांचा सर्व बाजूंनी विचार केला आहे. अपघात झाल्यानंतर काय करावं, कशी मदत मिळवावी, जीव कसा वाचवावा, याची माहिती या पुस्तकात मिळेल. पेट्रोलियमसाठी अनुदान द्यावं की देऊ नये, त्यातून काय साध्य होईल, याची चर्चाही यामध्ये आहे. आवश्यक त्या ठिकाणी आकृत्या आहेत. हा गंभीर मजकूर आकर्षक करण्यासाठी अधूनमधून कार्टून्स वापरली आहेत. प्रसिद्ध व्यंगचित्रकार आर. के. लक्ष्मण यांचा 'कॉमन मॅन' त्यात दिसतो आणि वाहतुकीच्या या जंजाळात सर्वसामान्य माणूस कसा अडकला आहे, याची जाणीव करून देतो. शेवटी अधिक वाचनासाठी संदर्भ दिले आहेत. आपल्या वाहतूक व्यवस्थेचं दुखणं आणि त्यावरील इलाज शोधणाऱ्यांना हे पुस्तक मार्गदर्शक ठरेल.

- गौरी देशपांडे

**From Admiral Srinivasan, Chennai**

Dear Dr,

*Yours is a laudable effort. we have to do something concrete if the situation on the roads is to be improved, and with the help of the police. i would suggest that you make a simple booklet of about 15 pages with DOs and DONTS on road safety with cartons , print them on mass scale at each local level and distribute to motorists at signals over a period . we can also tap a local/regional tv channels to insert "runners" or cartons for approx 10 mts a day as social need to mass educate the public. the pages in the booklet can be aimed at section of people like pedestrians, drivers(HV &LMV), vendors, law enforcing authorities, etc. introduction can cover the common traffic issues. if the booklet is vetted by the police , it can be sponsored and we can work with local police/ngo to distribute freely at different intersections in rotation*

*pl consider. regards,  
Admiral srinivasan, Chennai*



## Commercial encroachment

"Today our country is at the top in the world as far as number of shops in a given area are concerned. There is one shop per 4-5 families in India, whereas in European countries or even in Singapore (called shoppers' paradise) it is one per 20-25 families. Thanks to district development authorities for achieving this record. Once a shop is opened an area double the size of the shop is grabbed outside the shop by putting articles and display boards. Beyond this the remaining space is utilised for parking the vehicles of customers. If it is a shop for eatables, may it be of modern fast food or old-fashioned samosa-kachoriwala, I am sure you do not require any description."

"Except in some major cities, virtually there is no control of development authorities over the above. It is very easy to start commercial activity in residential areas or to make an unauthorised encroachment on roads without permission. There is no one to observe and object to it. If at all there is someone, he is easily 'manageable.'"

(Dr Sanjay Kulshreshtha in '*Tsunami on Roads: Wake up India!*' p. 117 Conscious Citizens)

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Dr. Sanjay Kulshreshtha  
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Dear Dr. Kulshreshtha,

Thank you very much for your letter along with which a copy of the book entitled *Tsunami on Roads : Wake Up India!* was sent.

I shall read the book at my convenience. However, I found the presentation impressive and the contents quite interesting.

I compliment you for the effort and wish the publication all the success. Hope it gets the attention it deserves.

Traffic in the metropolitan towns is becoming a nightmare. Everyone – the police, the public and the transport department - should contribute to improving it.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

Sincerely,



## Comments By Dr. Bhupinder Singh, HQ IIT Roorkee

Dr Sahib

### *My comments on your well researched book*

1. A medical officer writing a book on present day tragedy of happenings on the road is a welcome activity. Sir Arthur Conan Doyal created the Sherlock Holmes series which are a master piece literature was a medical officer
2. A good attempt to focus the tragedy of traffic episodes to at least the educated group for avoiding accidents on the road. But then it is the other man on the steering who makes the benign road users suffer
3. The other road user group which includes pedestrians, cyclists, children and other infirm citizens who become victims of vehicles. They are a part of the chaos on the road along with diverse variety of vehicles with "Juggar- Thelas" also using the highway. CRRI Delhi chief once said that no body can simulate a CHAOS.
4. The book is well planned and covers not only the mechanics of road accidents also enlightens the requirements such as better roads, maintained vehicles, policing, basic behavioral requirements expected from road users, even the dirty pscopaths on the steering wheels besides some advice for those who wish to purchase a vehicle

4.

### **The solution**

Wait for the petroleum wells to dry down when the so called civilized world will become truly civilized say in another 50 years. It was good when the horse power was with horses and not with the users of petro powered vehicles. The problem of losing jobs based on Auto Industry is already showing up in US in the form of recession. What will happen to the jobs when the petroleum is not there to support them? New props will have to be created so that the huge man power engaged in Vehicle Business does not become violent.

The economic indices need to be looked after in a time span of at least 50 years and not what our planners are right now doing. The animal power has to be in a mode where civilized society may again be able to harness it for several type of jobs.

The futility of the central government can be watched in statements

1. They encourage the factory owners by issuing license for producing more vehicles so that revenue is collected as excise. The treasury gains while the casualty pains
2. At the same time they have departments where "SAVE OIL" slogans are financed requiring more and more oil
3. The brigade conscious of the Global Warming is not strong enough to suppress the obby which is on "More and More Petroleum " war cry. We know the kingdom of the Almighty is so vast the humans selfishness cannot eat it up yet as per the ancient thinkers, they you adopt Sehj Yog. But then who listens.

So let us see how our planners can keep their eyes shut like a pigeon on facing a cat thinking that he is safe

I have commented on the various aspects but then the people who are involved in episodes on the road and their near and dears hardly have knowledge of English. One of my friends wrote a book titled "You live only once" It was also in English. A book in Hindi could convey the desire to avoid accidents. Further it should be focused only on ANALYSIS OF ACCIDENTS ON THE ROADS- How to limit these?

Regards

*Dr. Bhupinder Singh,*

*June 8, 2010, HQ IIT Roorkee*

From

**Er L R Sharma**

**Sundarnagar, Himachal Pradesh**

My dear Dr Kulshreshtha

I have been greatly impressed the way you have dealt the subject in your above titled book. I have read the book word-by-word. My reading commenced on May 27 and I was able to finish it just today. The delay was due to the fact that I did this alongside my other reading and writing projects.

While thinking of traffic problems, the spontaneous picture that emerges in one's mind is that of the myriad variants of motorized vehicles as also their growing numbers. One is inclined to make a villain of these vehicles and their drivers and the owners as well. An engineer like me would go a step ahead and include the bad roads as another villain causing this tsunami. But the way you have exposed the covert players responsible for this tsunami, deserves praise; nay a thunderous applause. You have critically analyzed the role of other departments like Police, PWD, Municipality, Water Supply, Electricity, Healths, Urban Planning, Pollution Control, BSNL and the

Motor Licensing Authority and factors like pedestrians, public, stray cattle, non-motorized vehicles, human psychology, politicians, peak time and school time traffic and many more. You have also proved that economy and life style also play a part in creating an unruly traffic. Your suggestions are solid and flawless. I have been greatly benefited by this book and intend to pass on this book to a police officer friend of mine for his thorough reading. I am also making a suggestion to the district police chief to include this book in the department's library.

Hereunder, I am making some suggestions for further reprints of this book, but I do not insist you to accept my views, for the writer is the best judge to affect changes in his book.

1. The size of the pages of the book is on a 21x14 cm paper. It would be better if the same is increased to 23x15 cm size.
2. The shape of the letters (i.e. the font and size) needs to be changed. As of now it looks as though the book has been typed on an old type writer.
3. The margins on the pages are at present 12mm. An 18-20mm margin looks impressive.
4. Please correct spellings of "feticide" on page 84 Para 3 and "fetal" on page 97. In my opinion, these should be "foetal" and "foeticide". But Americans might be using this way. We use the Queen's English.

In the end, I again congratulate you on having written such a knowledgeable and useful book while pursuing a busy profession.

Regards  
Er L R Sharma,  
Himachal Pradesh

The chapter 15 of the book has been considered for an article related with petroleum subsidy for Nanayam vikatan magazine. It appeared on 15<sup>th</sup> july 2010



Agra, 29 January 2015

DOCTOR SANJAY KULSRESTHA

Dear Sanjay Kulsrestha,

Once again, it is our pleasure and honour to be able to thank you sincerely and whole-heartedly for the gracious help you are giving to our Charity, concerning our child Mohit.

Mrs Annie Poullain, our Chairman, keeps us regularly informed by both phone and emails of our action in favour of the children and families we support, and she has just told us your customary affection, again, for La Roue de Secours.

We have been informed of your great kindness about the surgery you performed yesterday at your Hospital, for one of our children Mohit.

It hardly seems necessary to say how important such generosity is to us, but we are certain that Annie will have expressed our gratitude quite appropriately

Your personal involvement in La Roue de Secours is an encouragement to us all, both on the Board of Governors and amongst the many benefactors that contribute to the school fees, uniforms, books and copies, vaccinations, medical, private transport for school, tutians, and other expenses that are required to help our more than two hundred children (240 for the moment, included 23 degrees).

As you probably know, Europe is currently going through a most difficult economic period and it has become more and more difficult than ever to find the money needed to satisfy the requirements of our Children.

We highly appreciate your participation and generosity and on behalf of our children, the Governors Members of the Board want to reiterate our grateful thanks.

Yours faithfully  
Doctor Alan Irvine-William  
Governor Member of the Board

Received this night by mail.

For Alan: Annie Poullain

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Dear Sir,

I appreciate your gesture of presenting me with your book  
"Tsunami on Roads: Wake up India".

I am sure the endeavor would achieve the objective with  
which it has been created.

Best regards

Yours Sincerely,

(Radha S. Chauhan)

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