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Dr. A.K. Viswanathan
Commissioner of Police, Chennai City
132, Commissioner's Office Building,
EVK Sampath Salai
Vepery, Chennai 600 007.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Need for Tamil Nadu Police to adhere to road rules

Greetings from CAG!

I am writing on behalf of Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG), a 32-year-old non-profit, and non-political organisation that works towards protecting citizens rights in consumer and environmental issues and promoting good governance processes including transparency, accountability and participatory decision-making.

CAG has been working on road safety issues for some time now. We have been in regular contact with both, the concerned State government bodies and the Central government agencies, and have been conducting public awareness programmes as well.

As you know Tamil Nadu has the unfortunate distinction of having the maximum number of road crashes and injuries in the country and the second highest number of fatalities. Globally, studies and programmes have shown that there are simple yet effective means to reduce the risk of road crash fatalities and injuries. These include wearing helmets and seatbelts when riding a two-wheeler or a four wheeler respectively. As you are aware, this is also mandatory by law under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Unfortunately, we see the Police themselves breaking the road rules such as wearing a helmet or seatbelt, driving on the wrong side on a one-way road, etc. We would like to bring this to your kind attention and request you to look into the matter. The Police, as the guardians of the law, need to set an example to the rest of the citizens, by obeying the road rules.

Looking forward to a positive response from you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director - Consumer Advisory and Outreach

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