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## Recommendations made to ensure safety of migrant workers in transit

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Consumer Voice and Consumer Guild from Lucknow, as a part of the National Road Safety Network, have submitted recommendations to the Central government to ensure safe transit of migrants in lockdown.

Abhishek Srivastava from Consumer Voice and Consumer Guild said that road crashes kill around 1,50,000 people every year and have continued to wreak havoc even during lockdown. He added that they had been maintaining a 'road crash tracker' to document mishap deaths and traffic violations during the lockdown from Mar 24 till date. So far, 1,176 road crashes with 321 fatalities have been documented across the country.

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are aimed at mitigating specific risk factors like overspeeding, driving while fatigued, overcrowding etc. Some of the recommendations are specifically towards the safety of migrant workers returning home," Srivastava said. He said while they welcomed the decision by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to run special trains and buses for ferrying migrants, students and stranded tourists to their hometowns, they were concerned about the safety of drivers and passengers on road.

"In order to help the Central government, the Road Safety Network has shared a set of safety protocols with it. The measures proposed include temporary lanes for cyclists and pedestrians on highways and urban roads, thorough briefing to bus drivers with regard to emergency protocols, identifying rest areas where food and water can be provided to travellers, engaging drivers well-trained in long-distance driving and familiar with particular terrains," he added.

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## NRSN submits recommendations to mitigate road crash deaths during lockdown

**HT Bureau**  
GUWAHATI, May 17: National Road Safety Network, a coalition of leading road safety experts and organizations from across the country, shared recommendations with the Home Secretary to ensure safe transit of migrants during the national lockdown on Sunday. Notably, road crashes kill around 1.5 lakh people every year and have continued to wreak havoc even during the national lockdown. As part of the Road Safety Network, Consumers' Legal Protection Forum, Assam and Consumer VOICE, New Delhi has been maintaining a 'Road Crash Tracker' to document road crash deaths and traffic violations during the lockdown from March 24 till date and so far, recorded 1176 road crashes with 321 fatalities. "We have submitted a list of 15 recommendations to ensure the safety of migrants traveling on road. The recommendations are aimed at mitigating specific risk factors

like speeding, driving while fatigued, overcrowding etc. Some of the recommendations are specifically towards the safety of migrant workers returning home" said, Ashim Sanyal, COO, Consumer VOICE. "While we welcome the decision by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to run special trains and buses for ferrying migrants, students and stranded tourists to their hometowns, we remain concerned about the safety of drivers and passengers on journeys by road," said the letter addressed to the Union Home Secretary. Media reports indicate that driver fatigue combined with speeding has been responsible for the recent crashes. Advocate Ajoy Hazarika, Secretary Consumers' Legal Protection Forum, Assam, added, "Risk factors like speeding, driving while fatigued, not wearing helmets, etc continue to be responsible for the fatalities across the states. Speeding on empty roads

has been one of the most common reasons for road crash deaths across States. There is an urgent need to effectively enforce speed limits said. Assam has 18th rank in terms of accident-related deaths across states in 2018. We hope through proper implementation of MVA Act it will come down soon." In order to assist the Government of India to keep the road-users, especially passengers using the migrant bus services safe during these journeys the Road Safety Network has also shared a set of safety protocols with the Government. The measures proposed include temporary lanes for cyclists and pedestrians on highways and urban roads, thorough briefing to bus drivers with regard to emergency protocols, identifying rest areas where food and water can be provided to travellers, engaging drivers well-trained in long-distance driving and familiar with particular terrains.

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### NRSN on safe transit of migrants

**STAFF REPORTER**  
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