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Ques) Though good samaritans plan can help reduce accidental deaths, but more work have to be done for road safety elaborate. (200 words).

Ans) India is on the 3rd rank among the world's 20th country with maximum number of road accidents. To make it worse it has a poor cases to fatality ratio as compared to other nations which means most accidental end up ~~to~~ with the death of individual(s).

It indicates towards a lacking in the available first aid or transportation help ~~at~~ to victims. Good samaritans scheme gives a ray of ~~to~~ hope as it involves awarding a sum of ₹5000 to a person who provides nonmedical aid to victims. Union additionally, Union Ministry of Transport will award ₹1 lakh to best 10 samaritans annually.

The Motor Vehicles Act 2019 also has a provision which mentally mentions that samaritans will not be ~~liable~~ ^{responsible} to legal or financially liability in the case of mishappening.

~~But~~ According to 2016 NCRB data 57%

of the road accidents occur due to over speeding but other reasons such as ill condition of road infrastructure and road mismanagement, drunken driving etc are also the causes.

Hence some other areas need to be worked-

- ① Motor Vehicles Act 2019 focuses towards stricter fine payments. It has been increased 10 times and mandates to increase every year.
- ② Provisions to make people follow road safety rules be made. People should follow rules out of responsibility & not deterrence.
- ③ Scientifically designed and planned infrastructure of roads and, bridges, footpaths, dividers and lanes should be ensured.
- ④ Regular audits to check workability of ~~the~~ traffic signals and road conditions should take place.

Good Samaritans Plans to incentivise altruistic helps is a strong move and the Motor Vehicles Act is on the way of ensuring road safety but the challenges and shortcomings ^{possible} needs to be addressed and the implementation done without any politically induced motives.