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To,

**The Hon'ble Transport Minister,
Government of West Bengal,
Department of Transport,
Paribahan Bhawan, 12 R N Mukherjee Road**

Kolkata-700001, West Bengal.

Subject: Urgent Measures Needed to Prevent Road Accidents in Malda District

Respected Sir,

With deep concern, I write to you regarding the recent tragic accident that occurred on the 34 National Highway near Gaurbanga Station under the Jodupur Gram Panchayat in Malda district. The accident, which took place around 11 PM, resulted in the loss of six lives and left one person critically injured, who is currently being treated at Malda Medical College.

As per reports, a speeding vehicle collided with a stationary lorry on the highway, leading to this devastating accident. The vehicle's front portion was severely damaged, and the lorry fell into a nearby ditch. Among the deceased, all were residents of the Malda district, particularly from the Kaliachak police station's Alipur area. The young individuals who lost their lives were between the ages of 18 to 20, highlighting the urgency of addressing this issue to prevent further loss of young lives.

According to the official data provided by the Government of West Bengal, the Malda district has been witnessing an alarming increase in road accidents over the past few years. The district's strategic location, being a significant transit route, combined with the poor condition of roads and lack of adequate traffic management, has contributed to this surge in accidents.

In light of the above, I kindly request you to take the following steps to mitigate the frequency of such tragic incidents:

- 1. Installation of Speed Cameras and Warning Systems:** Implement speed cameras and warning systems at critical points along the 34 National Highway and other major roads in Malda district.
- 2. Road Safety Audits:** Conduct regular road safety audits, especially in accident-prone zones, to identify and rectify potential hazards.

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3. **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Launch awareness campaigns focusing on road safety, targeting both drivers and pedestrians.
 4. **Improvement of Road Infrastructure:** Undertake necessary improvements to the road infrastructure, including better lighting, clear signage, and the construction of service lanes.
 5. **Enhanced Traffic Policing:** Increase the presence of traffic police, particularly during night hours, to monitor and enforce traffic regulations.

We hope that the government will take immediate action to address these issues and help prevent further loss of life. The residents of Malda district deserve safer roads and effective measures to ensure their well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your prompt action.

Yours sincerely,



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2. The District Magistrate and Collector

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