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India's position regarding the draft Regulation on the forward field of vision of drivers (Reference document: TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2005/18)

India feels that there is a need to establish technical requirements for vehicles other than M_1/N_1 category vehicles. All drivers, irrespective of category of vehicles, are exposed to more or less to the same traffic conditions. India's recent experience shows that there is a need to regulate field of vision for city buses.

India, therefore, intends to study this aspect on the following lines:

- to establish the visibility requirements for vehicles other than M_1/N_1 category vehicles;
- to establish parameters for assessment, independent of vehicle/cab designs;
- to formulate draft standard.

In this study, India would welcome suggestions from GRSG experts.

While formulating the standard, India would examine applicability of the existing EU Directive 77/649/EEC (which is applicable for M_1/N_1 vehicles).

India would propose a draft Regulation after reaching a conclusion on their national study.
