

**Scheme for golden hour.  
(Section 162 MV Act)**

## **Section 162. Scheme for golden Hour**

**(1)** Notwithstanding anything contained in the General Insurance Companies (Nationalization) Act, 1972 (57 of 1972) or any other law for the time being in force of any instrument having the force of law, the insurance companies for the time being carrying or general insurance business in India shall provide in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the schemes made under this Act for treatment of road accident victims, including during the golden hour.

**(2)** The Central Gov. shall make a scheme for the cashless treatment or victims of the accident during the golden hour and such scheme may contain provisions for creation of a fund for such treatment.

This Section of Motor vehicle (Amended ) Act 2019 provides for a Scheme for cashless treatment of road Accident victim during Golden Hour.

Section 2 (12 A ), The Motor Vehicles (Amended ) 2019, What is golden hour ?

“Golden Hour” is the one hour time period lasting 1hr following a traumatic injury during which there is the highest likelihood of preventing death by providing prompt medical care.

This provision is very progressive. The concept of Golden Hour is very vital, because during this period the losses arising out of the accident could be mitigated to a great extent.

PIL filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the need for emergency care of victims of accident.

***Parmand Katra Vs Union Of India AIR 1989, S.C. 2039***, in this Ho'nble S.C. held that every injured citizen brought for the medical treatment should instantaneously be given medical aid to preserve life and there after procedural criminal law should be allowed to operate.

In *Save life foundation and another Vs Union of India and another, 2016 (7) SCC 194*, emphasized the need for establishing legal frame work for protection of good Samaritan , So that she /he is empowered to act without any fear. in the Judgment approved guidelines issued by the Center for the protection of good Samaritan. Hospital can't be refuse treatment to a victim. Lack of response by a Doctor shall be considered as professional misconduct and disciplinary action shall be taken against such a Doctor (as per medical Council regulation 2002).

## **Scheme for good Samaritan.**

**(I)** The Union Gov. has launched a scheme for good Samaritan under which anyone who saves the life of the road side accident victim by rushing the person to hospital within the golden Hour will get a cash reward of Rs. 5,000.

Who is good Samaritan ?

A person who helps others people and especially strangers, when they have travel.

**(ii)** This Scheme was launched by the road Transport Ministry in October, 2021 . The scheme mainly targets the person saving life in road accidents.

**(iii)** The cash award will be provided to motivate the general public in order to help the road accident victim.

**(iv)** cash award also be accompanied with the certificate of the appreciation.

New provision has been inserted insurance Co. bound to provide treatment to accident victim. Gov. shall make us scheme for cashless treatment of victim during the golden hour and for creation of funds for the same purpose first aid will be insured and there by diminishing the loss of lives in many cases.

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