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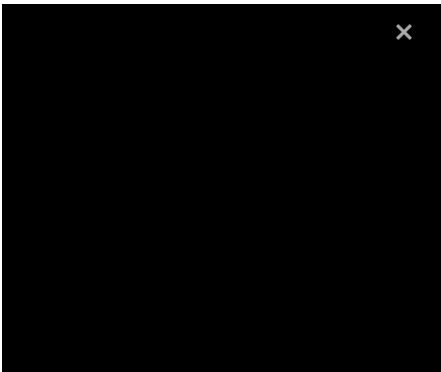
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Vested interests blocking road safety bill: Gadkari

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NEW DELHI: Struggling to push the proposed road transport and safety bill, highways minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday blamed "vested interest" groups for obstructing this key legislation that focuses on transparency and computerization.

"Despite our best efforts the bill, which we made could not be introduced in Parliament. This is a problem for us. The law falls under the concurrent list and both state governments and the Centre have rights. Different lobbies are there who are opposing the bill," he said while addressing a conference on road safety organized by International Road Federation.

The minister said that the proposed law will put the entire system on IT interface and will help eradicate corruption. "The bill will take care of driving licenses and there are other things...vested interest are trying to obstruct this Act. We will implement it effectively," he said.

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Soon after taking charge of the ministry Gadkari had announced that he would stop "lakshmi darshan" (bribing) in RTOs. Discriminatory issuing of licenses and without proper tests is one of the main reasons behind growing number of road crashes in the country.

IRF chairman K K Kapila said that with 80% of all road deaths worldwide estimated in low income countries, India accounts for the highest (10%) of global road crash deaths.

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