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**News:** Six months to enforce law for compensating accident victims: HC

- The Delhi High Court has given the central government six months to enforce provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act of 2019 that provide for grant of compensation to road accident victims even if the errant vehicle is uninsured as well as in cases of hit and run.

## **Motor Vehicle (Amendment Act) 2019**

- Motor Vehicle (Amendment Act) 2019 **amends the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.**
- The act **mandates the union government to constitute a Motor Vehicle Accident Fund to provide compulsory insurance cover to all road users in India.**
- This fund will be **utilized for the treatment of victims in Golden Hour** (First hour after accident).
- **Good Samaritans:** The Bill defines a **Good Samaritan as a person who renders emergency medical or non-medical assistance to a victim at the scene of an accident.** The assistance must have been (i) in good faith, (ii) voluntary, and (iii) without the expectation of any reward. **Such a person will not be liable for any civil or criminal action for any injury to or death of an accident victim, caused due to their negligence in providing assistance to the victim.**