

Accident pattern under study

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BANGALORE: *The Hindu* sought to know the opinion of the city police on the 35 dangerous junctions identified by Traffic Engineers and Safety Trust (TEST) from M.N Reddi, Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic). Here are the excerpts from his response.

What do you say about the report of TEST identifying 35 dangerous traffic junctions in the city?

I cannot comment on the report because I have not been given a copy of it. I do not know on what parameters

the study was done. I have to discuss it with M.N. Sreehari to know about the report and its recommendations

Has the Bangalore city police identified the dangerous zones?

Under the Chief Minister's 10-point programme and Bangalore Traffic Improvement Project (B-TRAC), the traffic police are studying the pattern of accidents in the last five years in different areas, including junctions. Based on the findings, an action plan will be prepared.

How is the study being done?

Data of the accident for the

last five years is being entered in the software prepared by the Transport Research Laboratory of the U.K. The study report will be available in three months.

How will the study help the road users?

The study gives micro and macro analysis of road condition and accidents. Microanalysis will help us identify junctions and roads linking the junctions that are black spots. It will pinpoint the time when more accidents occur and the vehicles involved. Depending on the problems, appropriate steps will be taken to make them safe.