

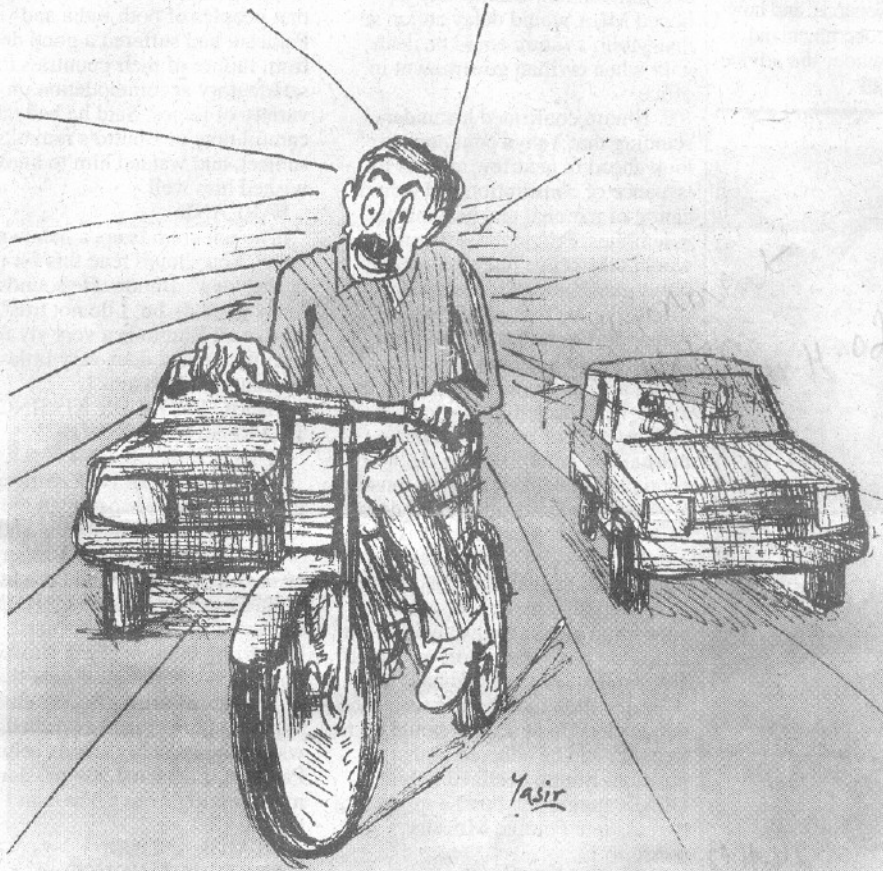
Driving against time

Are you in the habit of breaking the signal that suddenly turns red, and attempts to stop you (though in vain) and you go past by the signal in a car or a motorbike that you had been racing with down the road? The red signal in the middle of the way to college bring with it an irritating and annoying feeling. I have myself many a times confronted such a disgusting situation. It is to a great extent responsible for my getting late to the college. But I wouldn't hide the truth that apart from such situations, I usually get late.

The other day I made a pledge to myself that from now on I wouldn't get late and get up before my actual time. Let's see how worst a typical morning in a youth's life can be. Beep-beep...beep-beep, the shrilling toot of his alarm makes him move in his bed. The alarm strikes at five, the sun begins to dawn but it seems to him as if he has woken up in a dream in the middle of the night. His sleepy eyes forcefully drive him to sleep again but then he decides against it. He is in a high spirit after getting ready as he has a lot of time on his disposal to reach college in time.

He is almost ready to go but... can you guess what happens at the nick of time? Yes, you are right, something is missing and that something is the key of his motorbike. He tries his level best to recall the place where he had last placed his keys but all in vain. After looking everywhere, he decide to go by bus. In all that humdrum, he forgets to take out books from the motorbikes' side bag. Nothing is going the right way and with a sinking feeling he sits down, holding his head in hands. Suddenly the bell rings and the newspaper lands in. As he passes through the door, he finds the keys, which were hanging behind the front door. Though he is already late yet not too late to try to reach

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His little motorbike gives out a loud screech as he presses the accelerator with full force. Finally his motorbike acquires the required speed. Oh, these ugly traffic signals again. They never seem to be letting anybody to speed up and reach the place of one's choice in time. Unfortunately, he has to apply breaks. A minute or two seem to be long boring hours. The first minute has past but the red light does not turn green. The red signal does its job again. He can do nothing about that. He happens to get late again despite all of his

frantic efforts. Sometimes, it does happen that one cannot get what he wants!

Well, after undergoing the undesirable situation, don't you think that there is no need of these signals? Okay, being a responsible citizen, I know that there are certain rules and regulations but what is the use of such rules which cause trouble to the citizens for whose very convenience these have been made? In my opinion, there are indeed many weak points in our traffic system. Going from one place to another is not an easy task for anybody. The conditions of not

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only streets but also of main roads is quite 'pathetic'. Traffic signals, appearing after every five minutes, are very hard to tolerate.

Rapidly increasing population is the basic reason behind most of the problems in our society and the same is the case with traffic. Due to the rapid increase in population, the hustle and bustle on the roads has turned into a chaotic rush. In order to handle this rush of traffic, the government must develop the means of communications, that is, new roads, bridges and flyovers should be constructed.

Developing traffic sense in public should be the top

priority of the concerned traffic agencies. Mostly, the traffic accident occur because people lack traffic sence and do not observe traffic rules. The drivers are mostly illiterate and do not know about the traffic rules and hence do not observe them. Many of us do not follow the traffic signals because many a times we are in a hurry and don't like to be stopped. On the contrary, there are some educated people who simply let their young children ride a motorbike or drive a car, without having traffic license. It is indeed an irresponsible behaviour on the part of the

parents.

Having a passion for fast driving is certainly dangerous. Don't you also try to press the accelerator hard while driving? Yes you do and yes I confess I do it as well, but it should be avoided. Over-speeding, wheeling (driving a motorbike on one wheel) and zigzagging between the cars causes accidents. For a young person, it becomes hard to drive within the prescribed limits and the youngsters tend to drive fast. As a rule and for the sake of others, and also for our own lives, this negative trend should be overpowered.

If we are late from the college, there is no excuse whatsoever to break the signals which cause accidents. We, as a responsible youth and the citizens of this society, must act wisely and obey the laws that have been made for our safety. We should not simply break the traffic rules on the pretext of getting late and prepare ourselves ahead in time. As a matter of fact, I also get late and many a times am not allowed to join the first period but that does not give me the right to break the traffic rules at all. Now let's share those steps that can be followed in order to avoid the traffic problems.

First of all, one must accept and reconcile with the fact that the traffic problem will not be solved overnight. By just blaming the transport system or the concerned authorities will not do solve it. We have to do something on our own. Let us suppose that it takes you half an hour to reach your college or university and you often get late. In this case, what should one do? Well!, one can rise a bit early and leave half an hour early to reach the place in time. By following this suggestion, as a principle, you will never be late anymore and will not feel the need to break the traffic rules.

Don't try to drive fast. By doing this, we can find ourselves in a dangerous situation and instead of reaching in time we can even get late. In the rush hours, especially at the morning and in the evenings as well, people try to reach their destination as quickly as possible. In such haste, we usually drive rashly and have accidents. Drive sensibly as it is said that slow and steady wins the race. Traffic problem is an existing reality yet not an excuse of being late. So be in time. ■

