A meeting was called to order at 11:30 am at hotel Sagar View, Bilaspur on 16th April, 2014 to conduct the thematic consultation meeting under Economic Vulnerability Assessment survey which was conducted by a team of professionals and surveyors from Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) and TARU Leading Edge Pvt. Ltd. The meeting was presided by RTO Bilaspur district, truck operators, bus operators and taxi operators. In the meeting general concept of disaster was explained and linkages of disaster with various major sectors of economy in Himachal Pradesh i.e. transport, tourism and industry were also formed.

Whenever disaster hits the state, it always affects the transportation sector in many ways. Various points were raised by the transport people on how the natural and anthropogenic factors play a pivotal role in shaping up their business and economy, and even how the malfunctioning of one sector like industry affects their sector directly or indirectly. Transport sector is very important in Himachal Pradesh as it’s the major source of commuting and Himachal doesn’t have any other active source of transportation. The people from transport were co-operative and were open in discussing various issues related to their sector. They also wish for effective solutions and policy reframation from the government’s side.