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9.	Maharashtra	3639	142
10.	Madhya Pradesh	10980	54
11.	Uttar Pradesh	2037	—
12.	Himachal Pradesh	509	6
13.	Delhi	2	24
14.	Orissa	1403	17
15.	Andhra Pradesh	5371	111
		41741	448

(The above statement does not include Gujarat, Bihar, Assam and Jammu & Kashmir Circles, information in respect of which is under collection)

#### **Amendment of New Motor Vehicles Act**

576. SHRI SUDAM DESHMUKH:  
 PROF. VIJAY KUMAR  
 MALHOTRA:  
 SHRI M.V. CHANDRA  
 SHEKARA MURTHY:  
 SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
 PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has called for suggestions from State Governments for reviewing the new Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions received from various State Governments;

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions received from various State Governments by and large relate to relaxation of conditions for retest for obtaining driving licence, retention of old system of assignment of registration mark, provision for confiscation of vehicle using bogus registration number, deletion of liberal provisions and reintroduction of restrictions on the number of route permits, suggestion to delete requirement of licence for agents or canvassers, compounding of offence related to carrying of overload as against off-loading of hazardous goods, making wearing of protective head-gear optional, etc.

(c) and (d). A Committee has been set up to review the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Rules made thereunder and to suggest amendments, considered necessary, for removal of difficulties experienced in the implementation of the provisions.

#### **Pakistan Spy Agencies**

577. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Pak intelligence agencies operating in Indian territory for collecting vital information have been busted in 1989; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to tighten the security on the borders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). According to information available, 58 persons who were reportedly working for Pakistani Intelligence Agencies had been arrested during 1989. Vigilance at the borders has been intensified with increased border patrolling and construction of fencing on the border in addition to issue of identity cards to residents along the border belt in some areas. Security around vital installations has also been strengthened.

#### **New Telecom Policy**

578. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:  
SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SHEKARA MURTHY:  
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are consider ing to introduce a new telecom policy;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether the state Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) when the new policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Telecommunication Policy, document is under consideration at present and its features are to be finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No date has been fixed for announcing the policy.

#### **Road Accidents in Delhi**

579. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in Delhi during last three years;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured as a result thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken to check these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). The information, as made available by Delhi Administration, is as under.

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Road accidents</i>	<i>No. of Persons killed</i>	<i>No. of persons injured</i>
1987	6238	1498	6161
1988	6716	1720	6584
	7192	1771	7188