

Year	No. of accidents per 1,000 vehicles
1981	30.2
1982	27.6
1983	25.6
1984	23.9

[Translation]

Expansion of underground railway lines

4295. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are considering expansion of underground railway lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the places where underground railway lines are proposed to be constructed during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Modernisation of Delhi and Bombay Airports

4296. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the schemes drawn up for the modernisation of Bombay and Delhi Airports;

(b) the total estimated cost involved;

(c) whether any steps have so far been taken to implement the schemes, if so, the progress made; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to operate air services during foggy weather ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Since the proposals for the modernisation of Bombay and Delhi airports are presently at a preliminary stage, it is not possible to indicate the details and the expenditure likely to be incurred.

(c) Does not arise.

(b) In order to see that the road accidents are minimised, the steps being taken include tightening of rules and regulations related to issue of driving licence, strict medical tests, enforcement of maximum safe axle weights permissible for transport vehicles, strict tests regularly, physical fitness of the vehicles and improvement of Geometrix, inter-section improvements. Besides, the pilot project of National Highway Patrolling Scheme on selected sectors of National Highways, that had been launched through Central direction, the State Governments have been advised to formulate and implement such schemes on National and State Highways, establishment of driver Training Schools for imparting comprehensive training to improve drivers skill and driving habits.

Lepers rehabilitation centres in Orissa

4294. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of people affected by leprosy in Orissa; and

(b) the total number of lepers rehabilitation centres in the State and total number of people accommodated in them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) There are about, 3.2 lakh leprosy cases in Orissa and 2.3 lakhs are under treatment.

(b) There are 12 leprosy homes/hospitals/rehabilitation centres in Orissa with a capacity to accommodate 420 leprosy patients in these centres,