

(c) There is no organised opposition to the Programme from any caste or community. For general popularisation of the small family norm a broad based programme of mass education and motivation, utilising various mass media including the indigenous ones is being carried out. Inter-personal communication through a network of extension workers supplements the motivational effort. Every effort is made to inform, educate and persuade all sections of the society. It is proposed to further strengthen the educational and motivational efforts for accelerating the pace of the programme.

Committee on Road Safety

1161. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that accidents cause a large number of deaths ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have appointed any Committee on road safety, if so, whether it has made any recommendation to the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) Obviously, the reference is to the deaths caused by motor vehicle accidents. The number of persons killed in road accidents in India from 1960 to 1969 is given below :

1960	5,106
1961	5,547
1962	6,269
1963	6,820
1964	7,207
1965	8,410
1966	.. 8,702
1967	.. 9,744
1968	.. 10,654
1969	.. 13,443

(b) A Study Group was appointed by Government to go into the cases of road accidents and suggest preventive measures. This

Group has made a large number of recommendations relating to endorsement of the Motor Vehicles Law, education and propaganda in road safety through all available media, provision of wayside amenities, engineering improvements, traffic control, setting up of National, State and District Road Safety Councils, establishment of a separate Road Safety Fund, etc.

Scheme for grain storage at harvest time under U. S. Aid financial assistance Programme

1162. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a U. S. aid financial Credit Scheme for farmers to acquire safe grain storage bins has been tried to ease the mounting problem of the flood of grain in the harvest time ; and

(b) if so, the extent to which the scheme has proved useful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) A sum of Rs. 40 lakhs had been initially provided in the Fourth Five-Year Plan, as a Central scheme, for being advanced to the farmers as interest-free loan repayable in three yearly instalments for purchase of bins for safe storage of grain by them. This was in the nature of a pilot scheme and has been implemented in the four States of Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. So far, Rs. 28 lakhs has been sanctioned to the State Governments who will get bins fabricated and supplied to the farmers on the above basis.

(b) Considering the usefulness of the scheme from the point of view of improving the storage facilities at the farmer's level, last year another scheme for supply of bins to farmers has been drawn up under which it is proposed to supply bins costing Rs. 64,00,000 to farmers in various parts of the country. The assessment is that the scheme will be very useful to the farmers, as it would prevent losses which are occurring through damage by rodents, insects and moisture.