

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD ACCIDENTS IN DELHI

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the roads in Delhi are most unsafe and accident prone as compared to other capitals of the world;
- (b) if so, the number of road accidents which occurred in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make Delhi Roads free from accidents ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) : A Working Group on Road Accidents, Injury Prevention and Control set up by Planning Commission in May, 2000 had concluded 'it is difficult to make comparisons between countries because often the information is not available to allow for all the difference in traffic and travel conditions'.

(b) : As per information obtained from Delhi Police, the total number of accidents that occurred during the last three years in Delhi is given below :

Year	Road Accidents
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1999	9909
2000	10245
2001	9344

(c) : Enforcement of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 for improved road safety is entirely the responsibility of State Government. Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents in the country as a whole including the NCT of Delhi. Some of the important steps being taken up besides highway design, for reducing the road accidents in the country are as under:

(1) Provision of crane and ambulance to State Government/Non-Government Organisations under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme.

(2) Assistance for setting up of Driving Training Schools.

(3) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.

(4) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(5) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(6) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(7) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(8) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(9) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(10) Widening /improvement of roads. etc.