

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:112  
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ROAD ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of vehicles in the country is less in comparison to other countries of the world in view of the length of roads in the country;
- (b) if so, the position of India in comparison to Japan, America, Hong Kong, Pakistan and Malaysia;
- (c) whether the cases of road accidents are more in the country despite lesser number of vehicles in comparison to the above countries;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the annual average number of road accidents in India ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starrred Question No.112 regarding Road Accidents for reply on 31ST July, 2000 asked by Dr. Sushil Kumar Indora and Shri Zora Singh Mann.

(a)&(b): The total number of motor vehicles per kms. of road length in India is less than compared to USA, Japan, Hongkong and Malaysia. It is higher in relation to Pakistan. A statement showing total road length, total number of motor vehicles in use in USA, Japan, Hongkong, Malaysia, Pakistan and India and the number of motor vehicles per km of road length is given in Annexure I.

(c)to(e): The comparative data of road accidents in relation to number of motor vehicles in respect of other countries is not available. The annual average number of road accidents in India is approximately 3 lakhs per year.

**ANNEXURE - I**

Statement showing the Total Road Length, Total Motor Vehicles in use and number of Motor Vehicles per km. of road length in different countries

Sl.No. Name of the Year Total Road Total Motor Vehicles No. of Motor Vehicles  
Country Length (Kms) in use (Nos.) per km. of Road  
(M.V./Road)

1.	India	1997	2465877	37231000	15.10
		1996	2367062	33783000	14.27
2.	U.S.A	1996	6307584	210225288	33.33
3.	Japan	1996	1147532	84191360	73.37
4.	Hongkong	1997	1760	531739	302.12
5.	Pakistan	1997	229934	3133776	13.63
		1996	224774	2896919	12.89
6.	Malaysia	1996	94500	7686684	81.89

Source : I) World Road Statistics, 1999 published by International Road Federation, Geneva.  
II) Motor Transport Statistics of India 1996-97  
III) Basic Road Statistics of Indi, 1996-97

Note : The data on motor vehicle population in India is Total Registered Motor Vehicles since the data on Total Motor Vehicles in use is not available.