

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

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FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the percentage of fatal road accidents in the country has been increasing drastically;
- (b) if so, the assessment of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have identified the causes for such an increase;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) what percentage of accidents are caused by irresponsible driving?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a)to(e) : As per available data the total number of persons killed in road accidents in the country during the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 are 71943, 61000 and 62721 respectively. Various causes of road accidents in the country are : Lack of Traffic discipline on the part of driver`s and road users, phenomenal increase in the number of Motor Vehicles with no corresponding increase in the road capacity, mixed traffic conditions, overspeeding, overloading, drunken driving, mechanical defect in vehicles, etc. As per information available, the percentage of irresponsible driving among these factors has been assessed at about 76%.