

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1033  
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VIOLATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACT BY CONTAINER TRAILERS  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the container trailers do not adhere to safety norms prescribed in the Motor Vehicles Act ;
- (b) if so, whether a large number of container trailers are involved in accidents killing people ; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the preventive steps the Government proposes to take in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ( SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Maximum Gross Vehicle Weights and maximum safe axle weights for various types of vehicles including for tractor/truck-trailer combinations have been prescribed by the Government. Enforcement of these load ceilings is the responsibility of concerned State Governments/UT administrations.

(b) Vehicle-wise Road accident data is not maintained by this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under :

(1) Cranes and ambulances are provided to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.

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

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

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

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

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

(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.