GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2893 ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006 ROAD ACCIDENTS

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

- (a) whether the number of road accidents on the National Highways is rising in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of people killed/injured in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the concrete measures taken by the Government to check such accidents alongwith the manner in which the Government proposes to help the victims?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The State-wise details regarding number of accidents, persons killed and persons injured on National Highways during 2002, 2003 and 2004(the latest year for which data are available), as reported by the States/UTs, is annexed.
- (c) Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under:
- i) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.
- ii) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.
- iii) Setting up of Driving Training School in the country.
- iv) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- v) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- vi) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.
- vii) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.
- viii) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.

Evacuating accidents victims to the nearest medical aid centres and removal of accident-affected vehicles is primarily the responsibility of concerned State /UT Governments. However, this Ministry provides Cranes and Ambulances under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme to States UTs Government/Non Governmental Organisations for clearing the sites of accidents and evacuating the victims of the accidents to the nearest medical aid centres. National Highways Authority of India also provides, interalia, an ambulance at an interval of 50 kms under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts on the completed stretches. In addition the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in Government/District Hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2893 FOR ANSWER ON 10.5.2006 ASKED BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA, SHRIMATI SUSHEELA BANGARU LAXMAN, SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN, SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA, SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN", SHRI MOHAN SINGH AND SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR REGARDING ROAD ACCIDENTS.

Statement showing State-wise Road Accidents, Persons killed and Injured on National Highways

P = Provisional