

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196

ANSWERED ON:29.08.2007

RISE IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Satheedevi Smt. P.;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa;Singh Shri Suraj

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

- (a) whether the number of road accidents in the country are increasing constantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of road accidents occurred and casualties as a result thereof during the last three years in the country, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (f) whether road accidents in the country are high in comparison to other developed and under developed countries of the world;
- (g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comparative position of the road accidents; and
- (h) the concrete steps/measures taken by the Government to check road accidents?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of road accidents and persons killed thereof on all roads during the years 2003,2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are annexed.

(d)&(e) No study has been conducted by this Ministry in this regard.

(f) &(g)The available road accidents data in respect of some developed and developing countries during the year 2003 &2004 are as under:-

| Sl. No. | Name of the country- | Number of road accidents | |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | | 2003 | 2004 |
| 1 | Brazil | 1,04,863 | 1,12,457 |
| 2 | Canada | 1,56,904 | 1,51,321 |
| 3 | Switzerland | 23,840 | 22,891 |
| 4 | Germany - | 3,54,534 | 3,39,310 |
| 5 | France | 87,000 | 85,400 |
| 6 | United Kingdom | 2,14,030 | 2,07,410 |
| 7 | India | 4,06,726 | 4,29,910 |
| 8 | Japan | 9,47,993 | 9,52,191 |
| 9 | New Zealand | 10,615 | 10,368 |
| 10 | Singapore | 6,443 | 6,845 |
| 11 | Sweden | 18,365 | 18,029 |
| 12 | United States | 19,63,000 | 19,00,000 |

(h) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

(i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.

ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road

safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India(NHAI).

(iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.

(iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.

(v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country.

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

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

(viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.

(ix) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.

(x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.