

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:943
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2005
NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY POLICY
Bhagora Shri Mahavir;Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

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

- (a) whether a draft National Road Safety Policy was formulated in 1992 and no decision has been taken in this regard so far ;
- (b) if so, the time by when this policy is likely to be implemented keeping in view the increasing incidents of road accidents ;
- (c) whether there is no adequate mobile medical facility to provide relief to the victims of road accidents and no proper arrangement to set in order the damaged vehicles ; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The National Road Safety Policy drafted in 1992 was endorsed by National Road Safety Council in its meeting held on 22.12.1994.

(c)&(d) : Evacuating accidents victims to the nearest medical aid centre and removal of accidental vehicles is primarily 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 accident sites and evacuating accidents victims to the nearest medical aid centre.

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 Hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims.

(e) : Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents on National Highways are as under :

- (1) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.
- (2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- (3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
- (4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (5) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
- (6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- (7) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.