

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

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR ROAD SAFETY

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

(a) whether the Government has set up a National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board to reduce accidents and fatalities on the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government/ NHAI has not been able to utilise the funds provided for road safety during this current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b) This Ministry is in the process of creation of a National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board, through a separate Act of Parliament namely the National Road Safety and Traffic Management Act, to promote road safety and improve traffic management in the country.

(c) & (d) The funds allocated to this Ministry for Road Safety are utilized for implementing the schemes- Awareness Campaign for Road Safety, Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle Drivers, Setting up of Model Driver Training School and for National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme under which the cranes and ambulances are procured and provided to the State/UT Governments and NGOs for post accident care. Except in the case of Setting up of Model Driver Training School, the funds for road safety are utilized by this Ministry directly. During the last Financial Year, the funds allocated to this Ministry were partly not utilized due to non compliance of mandatory formalities on the part of beneficiary NGOs/State Govts/PSUs /Private firms etc. The break up of funds allocated and utilized for Road Safety purposes during last Financial Year is given in the following table:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Funds utilised
2009-10	79.00	73.99	22.39#

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