

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

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NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of National Road Safety Policy and National Transport Policy recommended by the Sunder Committee;
- (b) the status of creating the National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to discontinue the `grants-in aid` for administering road safety programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to consider pedestrian`s interest in the designing of roads; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) National Road Safety Policy including creation of National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board as per recommendation of Sunder Committee has been approved by the Cabinet. The Sunder Committee has not given any recommendation on National Transport Policy as it was outside their mandate.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. The Government has discontinued the scheme on 'grants-in-aid' to NGOs for administering road safety programme as it has not succeeded in bringing the desired result.

(e) to (f) Yes Sir. During Planning Stage (Feasibility stage), DPR stage, provisions are adopted as per Ministry/Indian Road Congress (IRC) specifications for protecting pedestrian interest. Design consultant includes the following Road Safety measures on National Highways at the initial stages :

- (i) Provision of shoulders a part of which is paved for movement of pedestrians. Paved shoulder is in addition to the main carriage way and is distinctly marked by yellow/white line.
- (ii) Provisions for improvement of geometry on highways, alignment and sight distances.
- (iii) Provision of Service Roads in Urban areas to segregate slow moving and opposite direction traffic.
- (iv) Provision of underpass/overpass/flyover/grade separator/pedestrian passes/cattle passes etc. for the safety of road users.
- (v) Provision of low cost safety measures such as cat eyes, road marking with retro reflecting paint, raised pavement marking, zebra crossing, delineators, reflectors etc.
- (vi) Provision of road signages as per IRC specifications.
- (vii) Adequate lighting in Urban area/bridges, flyover major Junctions.