

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

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDIES  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India tops in the world ranking of fatal accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has commenced/proposes to commence courses relating to Traffic Management in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) As per World Road Statistics (WRS) 2008, brought out by the International Road Federation, Geneva, the United States of America has reported the highest number of "Injury Accidents" during 2005 at 18,54,444. The corresponding figures for India and China during 2005 have been reported at 4,39,200 and 4,50,254 respectively. Simultaneously, in terms of number of persons killed in road accidents, China reported the highest figure of 98,738 during 2005 followed by India with 94,968 deaths and United States of America with 43,443 deaths in road accidents during the same year. Regarding cross-country status of road accidents it is the normalized figures which are comparable and not the absolute figures due to large differences in population etc. among the countries. Although in absolute terms, number of persons killed due to road accidents is one of the highest in India among the countries reporting data for the World Road Statistics, in the normalized terms (persons killed per 1,00,000 population), the Indian figure is well below many developed and developing countries. This Ministry has, however, taken several actions to improve road safety.

(c) & (d) Traffic Management is the responsibility of State Governments. This Ministry has not commenced any course particularly on the subject namely "Traffic Management". However, this Ministry has been organizing five day training programmes on Road Safety Management and Road Transport Regulation & Administration for the State Transport Department Personnel at certain identified Institutes such as Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune.