

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

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

(a) whether more than 280 people die in road accidents everyday in the country and more than 90 per cent of pedestrians feel unsafe while crossing the road as per a survey conducted by the Central Road Research Institute (CRR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that India accounts for 10 per cent of the total road accidents in the world and the International Road Federation has set a target of reducing fatal road accidents in India by 50 per cent by 2010; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The details of total persons killed, persons killed per days and pedestrian killed during the years 2006 to 2008 (the latest available data) is given in the table below:

Years Total Persons Killed Persons Killed per day Pedestrian Killed

2006	105749	290	13294
2007	114444	314	15124
2008	119860	328	14036

Data excludes Delhi State.

A survey conducted by Central Road Research Institute (CRR) on "Pedestrian Safety at Urban Intersections in Delhi" in April, 2008 indicates that around 90% pedestrians feel that the situation has become more unsafe after widening the roads during the last five years. The reasons for unsafe roads as brought out in the survey report are complex nature of intersections, decrease in size of footpaths and increase in the vehicle speed. Since the survey conducted by Central Road Research Institute (CRR) is limited to the urban intersections in Delhi only, it cannot be construed as the feeling of pedestrians for the country as a whole.

(c) to (d): The latest edition of the World Road Statistics (WRS) 2009, brought out by International Road Federation, (IRF), Geneva shows total number of Injury Accidents reported by various countries was 75,50,578. United States of America had reported the highest number of injury accidents at 17,48,435 in the world. India's figure reported at 4,79,219 works out to a 6.3 percent share of the total Road Accidents in the world. The International Road Federation- India Chapter during two-day conference on "Mobility and Safety in Road Transport" held in October, 2008 in Delhi resolved and urged all the stake holders to work collectively to reduce road accident fatalities by 50% in the next three years. Other recommendations of the IRF Conference include involvement of all the stake holders in the national mission, display of suitable road safety messages along highways, airports etc., coverage of road safety messages both in print and electronic media, development of excellent traffic management skills, specific design and planning of urban roads, application of intelligent transport system, higher allocation of funds for safety features in road system, etc.