

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

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SALE OF HUMAN ORGANS

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

- (a) whether as per media report, organs of road accident victims are being sold in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop this;
- (c) whether as per a report of the World Health Organisation, India has been reported as having one of the highest road accidents and fatalities in the world;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted on the reasons behind such large number of road accidents and fatalities in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Union Government in coordination with the States to ensure the safety of commuters, pedestrians and slow moving traffic on NHs and Expressways in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) The Ministry is not in receipt of any Report regarding sale of organs of road accident victims in the country.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) As per the latest issue of the "World Road Statistics" (WRS) 2010, brought out by the International Road Federation, (IRF) Geneva, United States of America had reported the maximum number of injury accidents at 16,30,000 in the world followed by Japan at 7,66,147 and India at 4,84,704 for the year 2008. The highest number of fatalities in road accidents in the world in 2008 was reported by India (1,19,860) followed by China (73,484) and United States of America (37,261).
- (d) Yes Sir. As per study report "Road Safety in India: Challenges and Opportunities" prepared by the University of Michigan, Transport Research Institute (UMTRI) and co-authored by Professor Dinesh Mohan from IIT, Delhi, counter measures in the following six areas need to be examined to bring about substantial improvement in road safety in India:
 - (i) Pedestrians and other non-motorists in Urban areas.
 - (ii) Pedestrians, other non motorists and slow vehicles on highways.
 - (iii) Motorcycles and small cars in Urban areas.
 - (iv) Over-involvement of trucks and buses.
 - (v) Night time driving; and
 - (vi) Wrong-way drivers on divided highways.
- (e) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has taken the following steps to enhance safety of road users:
 - (i) Emphasis is given in various aspects pertaining to engineering measures of road safety integrally during planning, development, maintenance and operation stages (wherever applicable) in projects on National Highways(NHs)/Expressways.
 - (ii) Various measures are taken for implementation of NH projects primarily under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) to enhance road safety such as laying of road markings/road signs, installation of crash barriers, guard stones, delineators, etc. Further in many projects, Highway Traffic Management System, using Intelligent Transport System has been introduced. Steps have also been taken towards improving discipline among contractors during construction, conduction of road safety audits on selected stretches etc., in projects being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

(iii) Provision of service roads and paved shoulders are made, inter-alia enabling segregation/movement of other slow moving vehicles.

(iv) Spreading awareness about road safety amongst all road users through print and electronic media.

(v) Observance of Road Safety Week (first week of January) throughout the country involving important stakeholders including school children.

Apart from the above, pedestrians/Cattle/Vehicular under passes/over passes and service lanes are provided for further enhancing safety on National Highways and Expressways in the country.