

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:208

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POLICY FOR ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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

- (a) the details of the policy for deploying ambulance and crane facility at the National Highways (NHs) to help accident victims;
- (b) whether the said policy is being followed by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI);
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement the policy strictly;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to publish the list of locations where ambulance and crane are parked on NHs and display boards on NHs for the benefit of Highway users; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" provides 10-ton cranes and small medium cranes for hilly areas and ambulances to States/ UTs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victim to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site. Their deployment is done by the respective State Governments/ UTs on National Highways on accident prone stretches, having a distance of 50 Kms. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) also provides ambulances at an average of 50km stretch of National Highways entrusted to them and cranes are deployed at every Toll Plaza which is normally at about 60 Km intervals.

(c) to (e) The list of locations where ambulances and cranes are parked is available on the website of NHAI. Display boards giving such information are already in place at every 5 km. on either side of National Highways.