

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEATHS DUE TO ROAD ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the percentage share of deaths due to road accidents is the highest amongst all the deaths due to accidents in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the current year alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the effective measures taken by the Government to check such cases in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a)&(b): The State-wise percentage of deaths due to road accidents amongst all the deaths due to accident during 2009-2010 is at Annexure. Road accidents are mainly caused due to a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrians, bad road, bad weather, cattle, increase in population, vehicular population, heterogeneous traffic, fallen trees etc

(c): The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Union Government has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

- (i) Road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage.
- (ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.
- (iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector being implemented by the Ministry since 1997-98 under plan activities.
- (iv) Setting up of Driving Training Schools in the country.
- (v) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness both through the audio-visual and print media.
- (vi) Conferment of National Awards to voluntary organizations / individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles like seat belts, power-steering, rear view mirror etc.
- (viii) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.
- (ix) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes.