

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

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ROAD ACCIDENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to curb the incidents of loss of lives and property caused by road accidents in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the losses suffered due to road accidents in the country are much higher than those caused due to road accidents at international level;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the average number of road accidents taking place in the country vis-a-vis that at international level?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Working Group on Road Accidents, Injury Prevention and Control set up by the Planning Commission in the year 2000 had assessed the social cost of road accidents in India at Rs. 55,000 crore which constituted about 3% of the Gross Domestic Product(GDP) of the country in the year 1999-2000. Further, the world report on road traffic and injury prevention by World Bank and WHO published in 2004, has estimated the cost of road crash injuries at roughly 1% of Gross National Product (GNP) in low income countries, 1.5% in middle income countries and 2% in high income countries.

(d) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways collects information on road accidents from States/Union Territories (UTs) in a 19-item format devised under Asia Pacific Road Accident Data (APRAD)/Indian Road Accident Data (IRAD) project for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific and publishes the data in 'Road Accidents in India'. Based on the latest issue of 'Road Accidents in India' and issue of the 'World Road Statistics' (WRS) 2010 brought out by the International Road Federation, Geneva, the average number of road accidents (defined in terms of road accidents per one lakh population) in select countries is as under:

Cross Country Comparison of Injury Accidents per Lakh of Population in 2008

Sl. No.	Country	Injury Accidents per 100,000 Population
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1	Australia	6.78
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2	Brazil	61.15 (2004)
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3	Canada	415.10
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4	China	20.02
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5	Denmark	91.38
6	France	119.63
7	Germany	390.47
8	Indonesia	26.02
9	India	42.5 (2010)
10	Italy	365.96
11	Japan	599.94
12	Jordan	1711.23
13	Korea, Republic of	444.01
14	Malaysia	1380.92
15	Niger	3.38
16	Philippines	4.39
17	Russian Federation	153.58
18	United Kingdom	287.88

19 United States of America 536.08

Injury accident refers to road accident resulting in at least one injury or death.

Data relates to 2008, except for Brazil and India.

For Brazil, the data relates to 2004 and for India the data relates to 2010.