

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

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

- (a) whether frequent accidents/mishaps are taking place at Lonavla on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway;
- (b) if so, the number of accidents occurred during the last three months at this place; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the safety of people?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. However, at Lonavla exit/Kusagaon toll Naka, there is a junction and sharp curve on the road but not a single accident has occurred at that particular place during the period from January 2012 and up to 20th March, 2012.
- (c) Government of Maharashtra is taking the following steps to prevent the accidents on Mumbai-Pune expressway:-
 - (i) Informatory sign boards, crash barrier, fixing iron fence, building safety wall on both side of road end including fixing reflector on safety wall and painting a middle line on the road have been provided.
 - (ii) 24 hour patrolling of policemen and highway police is being done.
 - (iii) Two stand by ambulances have been provided at different locations of Mumbai-Pune expressway.
 - (iv) Round the clock helpline numbers have been provided.