

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SCHOOL BUSES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of students killed/injured in accidents involving school buses/vans/RTVs in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year, school-wise;
- (b) the action taken by the Government against the school administrations/ bus-owners/drivers in this regard;
- (c) the details of instructions issued to the various schools with regard to plying of school buses in the NCT of Delhi; and
- (d) the other measures taken to ensure safety of the school going children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The details of students killed/injured in accidents involving school buses/vans/RTVs (school-wise) in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi during the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 (up to 31.07.2012) are given below given annexure.

(b) The details of prosecution undertaken by Delhi Traffic Police against school buses/vans/RTVs violating the directions of the Supreme Court for the years 2009,2010, 2011 and 2012 (up to 31.07.12) are given below:

Year Drivers arrested Vehicles impounded

2009	109	260
2010	34	145
2011	54	732
2012 (upto 12 31.07.2012)		282

(c): Supreme Court of India in CWP No. 13029/85 – M.C. Mehta Vs. UOI & Ors. has issued directions regarding plying of school buses in the NCT of Delhi. These directions have been incorporated in Delhi Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 1998 and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have issued guidelines for safety of school going children on 18.11.2005, 18.05.2011 and 06.08.2012 respectively.

(d): The other measures taken by Delhi Police to ensure safety of the school going children are as follows:

(i) Road Safety Cell of Traffic Unit of Delhi Police have adopted various methodologies to ensure safety of school children such as interactive lectures, classroom mode of teaching, film shows, display of mobile exhibition vans, organizing quiz/painting/debate competitions, practical training at five Traffic Training Parks etc. so that they automatically work as a traffic cop among their family members, friends and social circles.

(ii) Regular road safety awareness programmes/workshops are organized in school/ educational institutions by the Road Safety Cell as well as the local traffic staff.

(iii) As part of Road Safety Club, various workshops are organized for school bus drivers.

(iv) Road Safety Cell of Traffic Unit also organizes enlightening and motivation lecture from time to time for the students on road safety and traffic management and also gives them tips on safe use of road and transportation.

(v) Road safety literature and pamphlets are distributed among school bus drivers, parents, teachers for ensuring safety of school children