

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAUMA CENTRES ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of road accident victims die for want of immediate medical aid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Trauma Centres set up in the country along the National Highways, State-wise and location-wise;
- (d) whether the existing Trauma Centres set up are adequate;
- (e) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up more Trauma Centres in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for the purpose; and
- (g) the time by which these centres are likely to start functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (g): As per the report of Transport Research Wing, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, during the Calendar Year 2007, 479216 number of accidents were reported; 513340 persons were injured and 114444 died due to road traffic accidents in the country. To address this problem, a revised scheme namely 'Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways' during the 11th Five Year Plan' has been envisaged to develop a network of Trauma centres along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. The project envisages the availability of the life support ambulances every 50 Km along with the National Highways. It also provides for three categories of Trauma centres, viz, L-I, L-II and L-III. The trauma care network has been so designed that no trauma victim has to be transferred for more than 50 Km. and a designated trauma centre is available at every 100 Km.

The centres which were provided financial assistance so far for establishment of Trauma Care Centres during the 11th Five Year Plan is annexed; These centres are under various stages of progress.