

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

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ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NH-15
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of road accidents have taken place on National Highway (NH) No. 15 between Gujarat border and Gandhav;
- (b) if so, the number of accidents occurred on the said National Highway during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check these accidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) Road accident data is compiled in the Ministry in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP). In this format, specific NH-wise data of road accidents is not compiled.

(c) The Ministry has taken the following steps to minimize road accidents in the country:-

i) The Government has approved a National Road Safety Policy. This Policy outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, establishing road safety information data base, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws etc.

ii) The Government has constituted National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety. The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees.

iii) The Ministry has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on four E's of Road Safety viz.(i) Education (ii) Enforcement (iii) Engineering (roads as well as vehicles) and (iv) Emergency care .

(iv) Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at the planning stage.

(v) Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways/Expressways.

(vi) Establishment of driving training institutes.

(vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles like helmets, seat belts, power-steering, rear view mirror.

(viii) Publicity campaigns on road safety awareness.