GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3692 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2014 ROAD ACCIDENTS Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether road accidents are on the rise in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured by DTC buses and the action taken against the guilty drivers during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the reasons behind such cases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government to prevent such accidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

- (a): Total number of road accidents during the year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 (upto 30.11.14) is 7280, 6937, 7566 and 7845 respectively.
- (b): The details of total number of road accidents involving DTC buses, persons killed, persons injured and action taken against the guilty drivers (persons arrested) during the last three years and the current year are as under: -

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Year Total number Number of
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of accidents Persons killed Persons injured Persons arrested
2011 302 90
             270
                   288
2012 246 67
             260
                   214
             219
2013 253 66
                   209
2014 187 35
             167
                   179
(up to
30.11.14)
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In addition to this, departmental action taken against the guilty drivers by Delhi Transport Corporation during last three years and the current year are at Annexure-A.

- (c) & (d): Delhi Police has broadly categorized the following factors which have contributed in the occurrence of road accidents in the NCT of Delhi:-
- 1. Driver's Fault. Overspeeding, disobeying signals, dangerous driving, drunken driving, sudden application of brakes, taking sharp turn etc.
- 2. Victim's Fault. Rash driving by victim, sudden application of brakes, abruptly crossing the road, faulty boarding and de-boarding etc.
- 3. Road Environment Fault. Poor light conditions, bumpy road condition, slippery road condition etc.
- 4. Hit & Run cases.

The total number of accidents involving DTC buses which occurred in NCT of Delhi during the last three years and the current year and the number of persons killed/ injured therein, have a decreasing trend. Nevertheless, all out efforts are made for prevention/reduction of accidents involving DTC buses. The preventive measures taken by the Delhi Transport Corporation are below:

- 1. GPS based Automatic Vehicle Location System has been implemented in DTC low floor buses.
- 2. Depot Managers are counseling the DTC drivers in the DTC Depots on strict observance of road discipline including lane driving, driving within prescribed speed, non-overtaking of buses at bus stops for safe boarding/alighting of passengers and smooth flow of traffic coming from behind. A documentary 'Sapne' showing the outcome and impact of fatal accidents on the family of the victims as

well as the drivers is shown in all depots to sensitize the drivers. 1st to 7th of every month is observed as "Safety Week".

- 3. Regular training to drivers (both theoretical and practical) is imparted at DTC Training School and in association with Delhi Traffic Police.
- 4. Re-skill test of drivers appointed on temporary basis, has been conducted in the DTC and the drivers found lacking in driving skills, were terminated.

With the motive of having accident free operation, DTC launched Annual Road Safety Award for the financial year 2013-14 for the DTC drivers qualifying the criteria of selection including safe driving, prescribed physical presence and operational performance. 232 drivers were given the award.