

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:143

ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015

ACCIDENT PRONE SPOTS

Kodikunnil Shri Suresh;Reddy Shri Ch. Malla

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified accident prone spots which account for most of the road accidents and fatalities on stretches of various National Highways (NHs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of accidents, fatal and otherwise that took place on these NHs during the last three years and the current year, NH and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to study road accidents pattern at such vulnerable spots on NHs and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which the study is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to check rising number of road accidents including construction of NHs as per international standards?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 143 ANSWERED ON 05.03.2015 ASKED BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH AND SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY ON ACCIDENT PRONE SPOTS

(a) & (b) : Thirteen States, which accounted for 90 % of total road accident and 85% of total fatalities in the country, were asked to identify 25 black spots by the Ministry of Road transport and Highways. On the basis of information received from these states, a table indicating number of fatalities occurred on the black spots of various national highways during last three years is at Annexure-I. In addition to this, this Ministry requested all States/UTs to provide information of black spots on NH's with 10 or more number of fatalities. So far, 20 states have been identified under this category and the statistics in this respect are given at Annexure-II:-

(c) & (d) The Ministry has asked all agencies responsible for the maintenance of the NHs to look into the causes of frequent fatalities and also to institute remedial measures. The Ministry has also started the process of outsourcing the study of these accident prone spots to expert consultants who will also suggest remedial measures and monitor their impact once implemented. The process of study of accident prone spots is a continuous process which and it may not be possible to specify a timeframe.

(e) This Ministry has taken a number of steps to prevent road accidents as per details mentioned under:

- (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 the National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety.
- (iii) The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees, and to hold their meetings regularly.
- (iv) The Ministry has formulated a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on 4 'E's viz. Education, Engineering (both of roads and vehicles), Enforcement and Emergency Care.
- (v) Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
- (vi) Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways.
- (vii) Setting up of model driving training institutes in States and refresher training to drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicle in the unorganized sector.
- (viii) Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic and print media.
- (ix) Tightening of safety standards for vehicles like Seat Belts, Power-steering, anti-lock braking system etc.
- (x) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments under the National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme for development on National Highways. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of

its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.