

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

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SHORTAGE OF TRUCK DRIVERS

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

- (a) whether shortage of truck drivers has been reported to the Government in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open truck driving schools in the country;
- (d) if so, the details and status thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in the interest of the truck drivers including extending/provident fund and insurance benefits to them?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has not received any such report.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has a scheme for setting up of Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR). During the 10th Five Year Plan and 11th Plan, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways was sanctioned 13 and 9 Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) respectively. The details are at Annexure – I. During 12th Plan, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has decided to set up 10 IDTR. Priority will be given to those States where no IDTR has been sanctioned during 10 and 11th Plan.

(e) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways does not have any scheme for extending provident fund and insurance benefits to the truck drivers.