

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LAW AND JUSTICE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1814  
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015  
SPECIAL COURTS FOR CASES OF ROAD ACCIDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up special courts for the disposal of road accident cases in the country to clear backlog of road accident cases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite disposal of court cases relating to road accidents?

**Answer**

**MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRID.V. Sadananda Gowda)**

(a) to (c): In terms of Section 165 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, State Governments may constitute one or more Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal for such areas as may be specified in the notification for the purpose of adjudicating upon claims for compensation in respect of accidents involving the death of, or bodily injury to, persons arising out of the use of motor vehicles, or damages to any property of a third party so arising, or both. Accordingly, the State Governments have either constituted exclusive Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals or have empowered other regular courts to deal with the cases of Motor Accident Claims.

SI. State Gram Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs)  
No. Nyayalayas 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15  
Notified

1	Madhya Pradesh	89	156.80	0.00	284.80	0.00
2	Rajasthan	45	144.00	243.00	215.20	71.78
3	Karnataka	2	25.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Orissa	16	110.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Maharashtra	18	9.60	15.80	0.00	100.80
6	Jharkhand	6	0.00	75.60	0.00	0.00
7	Goa	2	0.00	25.20	0.00	0.00
8	Punjab	2	0.00	25.20	0.00	0.00
9	Haryana	2	0.00	25.20	0.00	0.00
10	Uttar Pradesh	12	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.42
Total		194	446.20	410.00	500.00	300.00

Majority of States have now set up regular courts at Taluka level. Further, reluctance of police officials and other State functionaries to invoke jurisdiction of Gram Nyayalayas, lukewarm response of the Bar, non-availability of notaries and stamp vendors, problem of concurrent jurisdiction of regular courts are other issues indicated by the States which are coming in the way of operationalization of the Gram Nyayalayas.

The issues affecting operationalization of the Gram Nyayalayas were discussed in the Conference of Chief Justices of High Courts and Chief Ministers of the States on 7th April, 2013. It was decided in the Conference that the State Governments and High Courts should decide the question of establishment of Gram Nyayalayas wherever feasible, taking into account their local problems. The focus is on setting up Gram Nyayalayas in the Talukas where regular courts have not been set up.