

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:21

ANSWERED ON:17.11.2016

Accident Prone Zones

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

- (a) whether the black spots across the National Highways (NHs) have been identified, and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of accidents reported along with the lives lost, number of people injured due to black spots/dangerous stretches along the national highways during the last one year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the black spots or stretches that have witnessed high incidence of vehicular crashes on national highways are proposed to be marked with cautionary signs and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted road safety audit of NHs during the above period, and if so, the findings thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to contain road accidents and enforcement of road safety laws in the country more meticulously?

Answer

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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 PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 ANSWERED ON 17.11.2016 ASKED BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE AND SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO REGARDING ACCIDENT PRONE ZONES

- (a) Yes Madam. 789 black spots on NHs in different states/ UTs are identified based on 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 fatality data. State/UT wise details are attached at Annexure-I.
- (b) Latest data for 2014 is attached at Annexure-II.
- (c) Yes Madam. Ministry has issued guidelines to install cautionary accident black spot signs, solar red blinking signals, rumble strips together with rumble strip sign and restriction ends sign at identified black spots.
- (d) Yes Madam. Road Safety Audits have been conducted on some length of National Highways. Details of Road Safety Audits findings are attached at Annexure – III.
- (e) Ministry has taken inter alia the following steps to contain road accidents and enforcement of road safety laws in the country.
- o Road safety audit has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
 - o Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways has been taken up.
 - o High priority has been accorded to identification and rectification of black spots (accident prone spots) on national highways.
 - o Formulating of 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.
 - o Setting up of model driving training institutes in States and refresher training to drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicle in the unorganized sector.
 - o Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic and print media.
 - o Approving a National Road Safety Policy outlining various policy measures such as promoting awareness, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws trauma care etc.

- o Introduction of Motor vehicle Amendment Bill, 2016 in the Parliament which addresses road safety issues by providing for stiffer penalties, permitting electronic enforcement, improving fitness certification and licensing regime, statutory provisions for protection of good Samaritans and recognition of IT enabled enforcement systems.
- o Ministry has decided to install crash barriers at accident prone locations on National Highways on Hilly Terrain.
- o Workshops on matters related to Road Engineering are conducted to sensitize officers of PWD and other executing agencies.
- o Earmarking of 10% of total CRF accrual of State /UT for road safety works.
- o Provision of Road over Bridges (ROBs)/Road under Bridges (RUBs) at all the railway level crossings.