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Title: Need to prevent deaths in road accidents.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, as per the National Crime Records Bureau, road accidents kill nearly 280 people per day in India. Tamil Nadu had the highest casualties, that is 13,961 followed by Andhra Pradesh - 10,944, Maharashtra – 10,613, Uttar Pradesh – 9,860. Among Metors, Delhi tops with 1,717 and Chennai accounts for 1,055. Annual Road Traffic Growth rate is 7 to 10 per cent that contributes 8 per cent of total deaths due to road accidents world wide. My constituency, Palani in Tamil Nadu is connected with NH-67, NH-209 and NH-7. Everyday, a large number of people are dying under the wheels of sand transporting lorries, buses and trucks, particularly in between Karur and Coimbatore in NH-67. In Vellakoil and Kangayam Police Station limits everyday accidents take place and people are dying.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to take immediate steps to prevent the increasing number of road accidents and all the roads in the country, which are lying in a dilapidated condition, particularly the National and State Highways, are to be upgraded without any further delay.