

Title: Reported high rate of fatalities in Highway Road Accidents in Andhra Pradesh and other parts of the Country.

SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI : No, it is not a State subject.

Thank you Chairman, Sir. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister for Road Transport, through you, Sir, to the alarming rise in the road accident deaths in the country. If you notice it, everyday hundreds of people are dying due to road accidents in the entire country. Sir, through you, I would like to bring my subject to the notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why so much elaboration? It is because it is a State matter. You mention about the incident regarding the high rate of accidents.

SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI : Sir, I would like to give an incident. For example, you take one State Highway. The news in one of the Telugu newspapers shows, particularly if you take Andhra Pradesh State as an example, that per hour one person, per day 28 and over the last four months' period 3,224 people had died; over 12,000 people had been seriously injured; and over 10,000 people have been affected. The main reason for the increasing accidental deaths is because of the increase in the number of vehicles; and the highway has to be completed. This has to be taken notice of by the Ministry.

The Highway between Hyderabad and Vijayawada and the Highway No.7 between Hyderabad and Nizamabad have to be completed. Some of the highways have to be completed at war footing level and stringent action has to be taken....(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sonowal, you can start. He would not stop it.