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Title: Need to curb road accidents on National Highways in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN (MADURAI): As per the Union Government's millennium goal, the fatal accidents/deaths in road accidents in the country should be brought down to 50% by the year 2020. The State Government of Tamil Nadu have initiated many steps for road safety to reduce the number of accidents with the coordinated efforts of all stakeholder departments.

In Tamil Nadu, during the calendar year 2016, 10006 accidents had occurred killing 1631 persons on National Highways. During 2017, from January to October, 6912 accidents had occurred and 1153 persons were killed on National Highways.

There are 78 black spots in Tamil Nadu as identified on National Highways. Proposal has been sent to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways by Chennai NHAI office for sanctioning of funds to rectify these defects.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take concrete action to reduce the number of accidents on National Highways in Tamil Nadu and to sanction the funds required to rectify these 78 black spots in the interest of people of Tamil Nadu.