

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3123
ANSWERED ON 11TH JULY, 2019

ROAD ACCIDENTS

3123. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:
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SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether as per the data released by the Government, road accidents across the country kill close to 1,50,000 people every year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether as per the World Health Organisation report, India might be losing over 2,99,000 people every year and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the number of road accidents in the country has been increasing over the years and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of road accidents including number of persons killed in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce such accidents in the country; and
- (f) the other measures being taken by the Government to address the engineering, education, enforcement, monitoring and emergency care standards for road safety?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The Ministry analyses the road traffic injuries based on the data received from the Police Department of all State/UTs. The latest data of road accidents published by the Ministry are for the calendar year 2017. The number of persons killed in road accidents in India during the last three calendar years i.e. 2015 to 2017 is shown in the table given below:-

| Years | Number of persons killed in road accidents |
|-------|--|
| 2015 | 146133 |
| 2016 | 150785 |
| 2017 | 147913 |

(b) As per Global status report on road safety 2018 of World Health Organization (WHO) published by them on the based on Road accidents data for 2016, India is one of the leading countries where number of road accidents are higher.

(c) Analysis of road accident data reported by the police department of States/UTs reveals that road accidents have been declining since 2015. Road Accidents declined by 4.14% in 2016 as compared to 2015 and in the year 2017 road accidents decreased by 3.28% as compared to 2016. The details of road accidents in the country during the last three years i.e 2015, 2016 and 2017 is given below:-

| Year | Road Accidents | % age increase over previous year |
|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| 2015 | 501423 | |
| 2016 | 480652 | -4.14 |
| 2017 | 464910 | -3.28 |

Road accidents occur due to multiple causes such as use of Mobile phone, drunken driving/consumption of alcohol/ drug, overloaded Vehicle, poor light condition, jumping red light, over speeding, overtaking, neglect of civic bodies, weather condition, driving on wrong side, defect in road condition, defect in condition of motor vehicle, fault of cyclist, fault of pedestrian etc.

(d) State-wise breakup of the road accidents and persons killed during the last three years is given at Annexure I and Annexure-II respectively.

(e) & (f) The ministry has taken multi-pronged efforts for strengthening automobile safety standards, improving road infrastructure, generating awareness programs, strengthening enforcement and streamlining trauma care assistance programme.

The major initiatives of the Ministry to promote road safety are listed as below:

- (i) Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic media and print media to create awareness.
- (ii) Issue of Guidelines for protection of Good Samaritans.
- (iii) Setting up of model driving training Institutes in States.
- (iv) Sanction of 22 Inspection and certification Centres for testing the fitness of the commercial vehicles through an automated system
- (v) Launch of mobile app for highway users i.e. “SukhadYatra 1033” which enables highways users to report potholes and other safety hazards on National Highways including accidents.
- (vi) Observance of Road Safety Week every calendar year for spreading awareness and strengthening road safety.
- (vii) Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
- (viii) The threshold for four laning of national highway has been reduced from 15,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) to 10,000 PCUs.
- (ix) Safety standards for automobiles have been improved.
- (x) High priority has been accorded to identification and rectification of black spots (accident prone spots) on national highways.
- (xi) Ministry has delegated powers to Regional Officers of MORTH for technical approval to the detailed estimates for rectification of identified Road Accident black spots for expediting the rectification process to ensure safety of road users.
- (xii) Guidelines for pedestrian facilities on National Highways for persons with disabilities have also been issued to all States / Uts.
- (xiii) A Certification Course for Road Safety Auditors has been commenced in Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) and 42 Auditors are certified.
- (xiv) Free Eye Check-up Camp and distribution of eye glasses is conducted for truck/bus drivers operating on NH.
- (xv) Removal of Liquor Shops as per directions of Hon’ble Supreme Court vide circular of F. No. RW/NH-33044/309/2016/S&R dated 06-04-2017 and 01-06-2017.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3123 ANSWERED ON 11TH JULY, 2019 ASKED BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH, SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN AND SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY REGARDING ROAD ACCIDENTS.

Total Number of Road Accidents in India: 2015 to 2017

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | State/UT-Wise Total Number of Road Accidents during | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 24258 | 24888 | 25727 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 284 | 249 | 241 |
| 3 | Assam | 6959 | 7435 | 7170 |
| 4 | Bihar | 9555 | 8222 | 8855 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 14446 | 13580 | 13563 |
| 6 | Goa | 4338 | 4304 | 3917 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 23183 | 21859 | 19081 |
| 8 | Haryana | 11174 | 11234 | 11258 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 3010 | 3168 | 3114 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 5836 | 5501 | 5624 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 5162 | 4932 | 5198 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 44011 | 44403 | 42542 |
| 13 | Kerala | 39014 | 39420 | 38470 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 54947 | 53972 | 53399 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 63805 | 39878 | 35853 |
| 16 | Manipur | 671 | 538 | 578 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 606 | 620 | 675 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 70 | 83 | 68 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 54 | 75 | 531 |
| 20 | Odisha | 10542 | 10532 | 10855 |
| 21 | Punjab | 6702 | 6952 | 6273 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 24072 | 23066 | 22112 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 219 | 210 | 196 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 69059 | 71431 | 65562 |
| 25 | Telangana | 21252 | 22811 | 22484 |
| 26 | Tripura | 647 | 557 | 503 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | 1523 | 1591 | 1603 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 32385 | 35612 | 38783 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 13208 | 13580 | 11631 |
| 30 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 258 | 238 | 189 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 416 | 428 | 342 |
| 32 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 69 | 70 | 67 |
| 33 | Daman & Diu | 70 | 71 | 79 |
| 34 | Delhi | 8085 | 7375 | 6673 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 1530 | 1766 | 1693 |
| Total | | 501423 | 480652 | 464910 |

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS IN INDIA: 2015 TO 2017

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | State/UT-Wise Total Number of Persons Killed in Road Accidents during | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 8297 | 8541 | 8060 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 127 | 149 | 110 |
| 3 | Assam | 2397 | 2572 | 2783 |
| 4 | Bihar | 5421 | 4901 | 5554 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 4082 | 3908 | 4136 |
| 6 | Goa | 311 | 336 | 328 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 8119 | 8136 | 7289 |
| 8 | Haryana | 4879 | 5024 | 5120 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 1096 | 1271 | 1203 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 917 | 958 | 926 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 2893 | 3027 | 3256 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 10856 | 11133 | 10609 |
| 13 | Kerala | 4196 | 4287 | 4131 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 9314 | 9646 | 10177 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 13212 | 12935 | 12264 |
| 16 | Manipur | 139 | 81 | 136 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 183 | 150 | 182 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 72 | 70 | 60 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 30 | 46 | 41 |
| 20 | Odisha | 4303 | 4463 | 4790 |
| 21 | Punjab | 4893 | 5077 | 4463 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 10510 | 10465 | 10444 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 70 | 85 | 78 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 15642 | 17218 | 16157 |
| 25 | Telangana | 7110 | 7219 | 6596 |
| 26 | Tripura | 158 | 173 | 161 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | 913 | 962 | 942 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 17666 | 19320 | 20124 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 6234 | 6544 | 5769 |
| 30 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 23 | 17 | 21 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 129 | 151 | 107 |
| 32 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 42 | 46 | 43 |
| 33 | Daman & Diu | 42 | 38 | 36 |
| 34 | Delhi | 1622 | 1591 | 1584 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 235 | 244 | 233 |
| Total | | 146133 | 150785 | 147913 |
