

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5314
ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2019

SHORTAGE OF DRIVERS

5314. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of approximately 22 lakh drivers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Shortage of truck drivers is an issue which has been highlighted by various transport organisations. Ministry has not carried any study to assess the exact figures of shortage of drivers.

(c) Ministry has proposed to waive off mandatory educational qualification for truckers and bus drivers for seeking a driving licence. A draft notification vide GSR 431(E) has been issued on 18-06-2019 regarding omission of rule 8 (minimum educational qualification) in the Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989.
