

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 374  
ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**PROPOSAL FOR PROVISION OF SIX AIRBAGS IN CARS**

**374. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make provision of six air bags mandatory in all cars with seating capacity up to eight people from October this year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has opposed this proposal and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and**
- (d) the rationale objective behind this move and action taken/being taken by the Government on the concerns raised by SIAM in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (d) This Ministry, vide GSR 1483(E) dated 7th December, 2017, mandated the requirement of airbag for the driver, as per Automotive Industry Standard(AIS) 145. The Ministry has notified GSR 148(E) dated 2nd March, 2021 regarding mandatory provision of an airbag for the passenger seated on the front seat of a vehicle, next to the driver, as per AIS 145, as amended from time to time for the vehicles manufactured on and after the 1st Day of April, 2021, in the case of new models, and 31st day of August, 2021, in the case of existing models. However, due to COVID 19 pandemic, this Ministry vide GSR 595(E) dated 26th August 2021 has extended the timeline in respect of date of implementation of fitment of air bags on existing models upto 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.**

**The Ministry of Road and Transport and Highways, vide GSR 16(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, has notified that vehicles of category M1, manufactured after 01<sup>st</sup> October 2022, shall be fitted with two side/side torso air bags, one each for the persons occupying front row outboard seating positions and two side curtain/tube air bags, one each for the persons occupying outboard seating positions. This has been notified to enhance safety for the vehicle occupants. Comments and objections have been solicited from all stakeholders within a period of thirty days.**

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