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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
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ANSWERED ON
ROAD SAFETY STANDARDS .

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

- (a) the details of international road safety standards;
- (b) the details of Indian road safety standards;
- (c) when the Indian road safety standards were prescribed and the subsequent revision made so far;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the WHO Report recommended for setting up of institutional mechanism on road safety; and
- (e) if so, the steps Ministry has taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) The International Road Safety Standards are prescribed in many Guides and Manuals such as
- (i) Towards Safer Roads in Developing countries (TRL, Ross Silcock, 1991), reprinted in 1994
 - (ii) Road Safety Guidelines for Asia Pacific Region (ADB-1997),
 - (iii) Vulnerable Road Users in Asia Pacific Region- Ross Silcock, TRL ADB, 1997
 - (iv) Guidelines for the Safety Audit of Highways IHT, UK 1996 and
 - (v) Accident Reduction and Prevention IHT UK 1990 etc.

International road safety is also covered under UNECE working parties, WP 1: Working Party on Road Traffic Safety and WP 29: Working Party for Harmonization of Regulations. While WP1 covers road traffic rules, road signs and signals, behavior on road, roadside checks and penalties, safety of children, etc., WP 29 deals with regulations for vehicles.

(b) & (c) Indian Road Safety Standards are prescribed in “Manual for Safety in Road Design” and Manual on Road Safety Audit, in addition, Indian road Congress has brought out the following four road safety standards for the guidance of Highway professionals:

- 1) IRC:SP:27-1984- Report containing Recommendations of IRC Regional workshops on Highway Safety
- 2) IRC:SP:32-1988- Road Safety for Children (5-12 years old)
- 3) IRC:SP:44-1996- Highway Safety Code
- 4) IRC:SP:55-2001- Guidelines for Safety in Construction Zones

(d) to (e) Yes Sir. The Government has decided to set up National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board to promote road safety and improve traffic management in India.