

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 886  
ANSWERED ON-14/12/2022**

**ACCIDENTS DUE TO POTHOLE**

886. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) the total number of accidents caused due to potholes and poor drainage systems in 2021-22 all over the country, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that monsoon exacerbate this problem because the water stagnates on the surface due to poor drainage systems?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The total number of accidents caused due to potholes during the calendar years 2020 and 2021 all over the country, State-wise/UT-wise which includes all type of roads including NH is at Annexure-I. Ministry does not collect and compile information on road accidents due to poor drainage system in the country.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is primarily responsible for construction and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). In order to make the National Highway stretches pothole free, regular maintenance activities are carried out by executing agencies of MoRTH such as NHAI, PWD, BRO, NHIDCL, etc. through Concessionaires/Contractors/O&M Agencies etc. Concerned project officials inspect the project highways under their respective jurisdictions and take suitable short term and long term preventive/remedial measures as per the site requirements within available resources. Surface drainage aspects are also taken care of in the design of National Highways by provision of appropriate camber/cross fall of the pavement and longitudinal drains in accordance with Indian Roads Congress standards and guidelines.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 886 ANSWERED ON 14/12/2022 ASKED BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA REGARDING “ACCIDENTS DUE TO POTHOLES.”

S No	Name of States/UTs	Total number of road Accidents happened due to potholes	
		2020	2021
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13	25
3	Assam	194	187
4	Bihar	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	5	15
6	Goa	0	0
7	Gujarat	6	8
8	Haryana	183	102
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	20
10	Jharkhand	129	97
11	Karnataka	36	67
12	Kerala	25	16
13	Madhya Pradesh	439	711
14	Maharashtra	61	33
15	Manipur	2	6
16	Meghalaya	0	0
17	Mizoram	1	0
18	Nagaland	57	15
19	Orissa	174	213
20	Punjab	102	114
21	Rajasthan	120	69
22	Sikkim	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	385	459
24	Telangana	58	87
25	Tripura	0	0
26	Uttarakhand	4	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	1447	1254
28	West Bengal	63	64
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0
30	Chandigarh	0	0
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	2
32	Delhi	55	56
33	Jammu & Kashmir	4	4
34	Ladakh	NA	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	1
Total		3564	3625

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