

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-563
ANSWERED ON-07/02/2024

ROAD ACCIDENTS

563. SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether India has the highest death rate due to road accidents in the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government aware that eighteen people die every hour in road accidents in the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether road accidents in various cities, States and towns are continuously increasing in the country and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) As per the World Road Statistics, 2022 published by International Road Federation, Venezuela has the highest rate of road accident fatalities, with 39.4 persons killed per 1,00,000 population. In comparison, the rate in India is 9.5 persons killed per 1,00,000 population.

(b) & (c) The road accidents occur due to multiple causes such as over speeding, use of mobile phone, drunken driving/consumption of alcohol and drug, driving on wrong side/ lane indiscipline, jumping red light, non-use of safety devices such as helmets and seat belts, vehicular condition, weather condition, road condition, fault of driver/cyclist/ pedestrian etc.

While Central Government formulates rules under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, the enforcement of these rules comes under the purview of State Governments/UT Administrations. As per the data received from Police Departments of States/ UTs, the Ministry has published Report on Road Accidents in India, 2022. The number of road accident fatalities in the country during last ten years are as under:-

Year	No. of Fatalities	No. of fatalities per 10,000 vehicles
2013	1,37,572	7.6
2014	1,39,671	7.3
2015	1,46,555	7.0
2016	1,51,192	6.6
2017	1,50,003	5.9
2018	1,57,593	5.8
2019	1,58,984	5.4
2020*	1,38,383	4.2
2021*	1,53,972	4.3
2022	1,68,491	4.3

As per the Report, total number of road accidents in States/UTs (All over India) and 50 cities (Million Plus Cities) for the calendar year 2018 to 2022 are given below : -

Year	States/UTs (All over India)	50 cities (Million Plus cities)
2018	470403	85318
2019	456959	82781
2020*	372181	58736
2021*	412432	67301
2022	461312	76752

**Covid affected years*

According to the Report, the number of road accidents in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep in year 2022 was lower compared to the number of road accidents recorded in 2021.
