

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 257
ANSWERED ON-27/11/ 2024

COMPULSORY INSURANCE COVER FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

257. DR. DINESH SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to introduce compulsory insurance to cover all deaths on National Highways for which some additional amount would be charged as is charged for road transport buses, trains and flights;
- (b) the number of people killed in hit-and-run accidents as well as other accidents on the National Highways during the last five years; and
- (c) the amount of compensation payable in case of death in such hit and run accidents?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a) & (c) No proposal for compulsory insurance to cover all deaths on National Highways is under consideration. However, Section 161 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 provides for compensation of Rs. 2,00,000 in case of death of any person resulting from a hit and run motor accident. Government vide G.S.R. 163(E) dated 25/02/2022 has notified the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022.

(b) The number of people killed in hit and run accidents is not maintained exclusively for 'National Highways' road category. However, the number of people killed in hit-and-run accidents as well as other accidents in all road categories including State Highways, Major District roads and other roads combined during the last five years are as follows:

Type of collision	No. of persons killed				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hit and Run	28619	29354	23159	25938	30486
With parked Vehicle	4780	5086	4243	4925	6012
Hit from Back	25801	27765	22989	28712	32907

Hit from side	15477	16342	14271	18299	20357
Run off Road	7731	8419	7782	9150	9862
Fixed object	4623	5739	5039	6600	7307
Vehicle overturn	9548	9011	8611	9122	9827
Head on collision	29646	26772	25289	27248	26413
Others	25192	22625	20331	23978	25320
Total	1,51,417	1,51,113	1,31,714	1,53,972	1,68,491
