

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2029
ANSWERED ON - 05/08/2026

HIGH-RISK ROAD CORRIDORS

2029. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether any study/ survey has been conducted to identify high-risk road corridors or accident black spots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the trend in road-accident fatalities in percentage terms during the last three years;
- (d) whether Government proposes to deploy Network Survey Vehicles across States covering National Highways;
- (e) if so, the details thereof including its objectives;
- (f) the types of defects found in National Highways; and
- (g) the steps taken to bolster emergency medical services for road accident victims including prompt ambulance response time and trauma care facilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) and (b) Certain continuous stretches on National Highways (NHs) have been identified qualifying the criteria of black spots i.e. locations with occurrence of certain number of accidents involving fatalities and grievous injuries. These stretches have been identified on real-time basis through AI based tools developed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur. Based on the available accident data from Electronic Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) for the period 2023–2025, 6,358 Black spot corridors have been identified.

(c) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is responsible for development, operation and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The details of number of road accident fatalities on National Highways during 2023 to 2025 with percentage increase over the previous year are annexed.

(d) to (f) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has deployed Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) on National Highways & Expressways which are in Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Stage, covering almost all the States. The defects observed in NHs during NSV Surveys are Roughness, Rutting, Cracking, Potholes and Ravelling. The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and to assess the condition of Highway stretch, NSV surveys are being carried out periodically, before the start of the highway developmental work, at the time of completion of work, and at an interval of every six months during O&M phase.

(g) During 11th Five-Year Plan and 12th Five-Year Plan under the “National Programme for Prevention & Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries” (NPPMT&BI), total 196 Trauma Care Facilities (TCFs) were sanctioned by the Central Government in Government Hospitals/ Medical Colleges across the country. Government has launched the 'Prime Minister – Road Accident Victims' Hospitalisation and Assured Treatment (PM-Rahat) Scheme' (Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025) on 13.02.2026. As of July 2026, 18095 persons have received hospitalisation treatment since launch of the scheme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2029 FOR 05.08.2026 ASKED BY SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI REGARDING HIGH-RISK ROAD CORRIDORS.

Road Accident Fatalities on National Highways in India (2023–2025)		
Year	Persons Killed	% Increase/Decrease over previous year
2023	63,112	3.40
2024	64,772	2.63
2025#	62,122 (P)	-4.09

#Data for Year 2025 is taken from the eDAR portal.

(P) - Provisional
