

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
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ROAD SAFETY

779. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest global reports on the status of road safety released recently has shown increase in road fatalities in India in comparison to other developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Highways across the country have not been designed in a way so that no fatality occurs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make National Highways accident free zones?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (b) World Health Organization has published the Global Status Report on Road Safety, 2015. As per the report, the estimated road traffic death rate per 100000 population of some of the developing countries are as under:-

S. No.	Country	Estimated Road Traffic death rate per 100000 population
1	India	16.6
2	China	18.8
3	Sri Lanka	17.4
4	Thailand	36.2

(c) & (d) National Highways are designed and constructed as per Indian Roads Congress Codes and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways guidelines. Road Safety measures and provisions are part of the design and construction of National Highways. Road Safety audits are also carried out as part of National Highways development projects on Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) / Build Operate Transfer (BOT) modes. Identification and rectification of road accident black spots, improvements on safety on National Highways through Road Safety Annual Plan, taking up of Road Safety audits, installation of crash barriers at accident prone locations in Hilly terrain etc. are taken up to minimize accidents on National Highways.
