

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2969**  
ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018

**EYE CHECK-UP OF TRUCK DRIVERS**

2969. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN: SHRI P. NAGARAJAN: DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Free Eye Check-up Campaign and distribution of spectacles for truck drivers, cleaners and helpers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this is one of many innovative programmes undertaken by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to ensure safe travel on National Highways (NHs);
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether this initiative is expected to reduce number of accidents involving trucks and keeping this in view the regional staff and NGOs would be encouraged to set up more such camps on regular basis; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the National Highways Authority of India(NHAI) launched a free eye check-up Campaign for truck drivers from 2<sup>nd</sup> October,2017 to 6<sup>th</sup> October,2017 at two Toll Plazas/truck lay-byes under their jurisdiction of each of its Regional Offices. Total 16038 Drivers and Cleaners were checked/examined on National Highway across the country. In all 8188 lenses were distributed.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam, Truck drivers are frequent users of National Highways and are also vulnerable to highway mishaps and accidents due to lack of access to eye care facilities. Thus, as a part of NHAI's social responsibility towards this noble cause, Free Eye Checkup campaign for truck drivers was conducted.

(e) & (f) Yes Madam, this initiative will reduce number of accidents involving truck drivers on National Highways.

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