

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NEW ROAD MAP FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the accidents happening on various National Highways;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has developed any technique based new roadmap to prevent them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted a study team for improving the infrastructure of National Highways;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is planning to determine rankings of National Highways?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : Yes Madam, the Ministry collects data/information in the prescribed format from the Police Department of all States/UTs. They provide data/information to this Ministry in the prescribed format on road accidents on all roads including National Highways from time to time.

The Government has launched a mobile app for highway users i.e. "SukhadYatra 1033" which enables highways users to report potholes and other safety hazards on National Highways including accidents.

Ministry has taken following steps to prevent accidents on National Highways

- (i) Rectification of identified Black spots,
- (ii) Road Safety Audits are being carried out at all stages of development of the highway i.e. design / construction / operation stages.
- (iii) Facilities such as Foot Over bridges & underpasses are being provided wherever required, for safe crossing of pedestrians and other road users.
- (iv) Capacity building through training of NHAI field staff /Concessionaires / Contractors / Consultants engaged in NHAI project works throughout India.
- (v) Road Safety Week is observed every calendar year for spreading awareness about safer behaviour of road users on National Highways.

Apart from the above, highway advisory service Phase II was launched in 12 NH stretches with capsules consisting of static content related to road safety awareness, adherence to road safety rules and live content related to situation of traffic on route. This program was started on 23.04.2018 and concluded on 21.11.2018 and was broadcasted through All India Radio.

(d) to (f) : The Government has already approved a National Road Safety Policy in March 2010. This Policy is based on the four E's of Road Safety viz. (i) Education (ii) Emergency (iii) Enforcement (iv) Engineering (roads as well as vehicles) and outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, establishing road safety information data base, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws etc.
