

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3889
ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2023**

ACCIDENTS ON NH-44

3889. SHRI HASNAIN MASOODI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of road accidents and resultant deaths reported on Srinagar-Jammu NH-44 during the last one year;**
- (b) the number of days NH-44 was closed down due to landslides/harsh weather conditions during the said period, month-wise;**
- (c) whether any trauma centres have been established near the accident prone areas on the said NH;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to effectively minimise the incidents of road fatalities on the said NH; and**
- (f) whether any newly constructed tunnel has collapsed due to environmental hazards on the said NH and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) Total no. of accidents in last year is 648 and total reported deaths is 93.**
- (b) Road closures due to landslide normally lasts a few hours only as National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has deployed quick response teams at vulnerable locations to remove slides and normalise traffic at the earliest.**

(c) & (d) Medical aid posts have been constructed by NHAI on recently completed projects and provision has also been made for construction of Medical Aid Post in under construction projects.

(e) In Jammu-Srinagar section of NH-44, out of 260 km length, 4- laning in about 210 km - including 10 tunnels in a length of 21.50 km - has already been completed. Work of 4- laning in balance 50 km including 6 tunnels (in 9.664 km length) and viaduct (6.02 km) is under progress, which is targeted for completion by Aug, 2025. After completion of these tunnels and viaduct, the entire NH-44 will be mostly free from effect of landslides and all weather connectivity will be ensured between Jammu and Srinagar. As part of above 4- laning work and improvement of identified black spots, additional signages, road marking, rumble strips, crash barriers, lighting crash barriers as well as improvement of junction etc. have been provided at all critical identified accident prone sections for ensuring safety of road users and reducing the accident and fatalities. In addition to this, black spot rectifications works have also been undertaken at all identified stretches.

(f) No such collapse of newly constructed tunnel has occurred. However, an under construction adit portal had collapsed due to landslide on 19.05.2022 at Khooni Nallah location on Ramban-Banihal Section of NH-44 causing casualty of 10 labourers.
