

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 690  
ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2021**

**ACCIDENT OF WILD ANIMALS ON NHS**

**690. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of wild animals killed in road accidents on National Highways (NHs) during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to check/prevent the movement of wild animals on NHs in order to avoid such accidents; and**
- (c) the details of the rescue operations conducted in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to protect the wild animals from such accidents, location-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) No incident of killing of wild animals in road accidents on NHs has been reported by the implementing agencies of MoRTH during the last three years in the Country.**
- (b) Development activities on NHs passing through wild Life Sanctuaries / National Parks are generally avoided and wherever possible a bypass/detour is proposed so that there is minimum impact of highways on the wildlife habitat. If it is**

**absolutely unavoidable then all necessary clearances required under Statutory norms are obtained before any work is undertaken in such areas and measures are taken as per the manuals and guidelines of Forest and Wildlife Authorities and relevant IRC codes. The various measures that are taken include installation of road signs, speed calming measures, provision for construction of animal under pass at pre-defined locations, fencing at the edge of Right of Way, etc. Further, for Expressways, fencing is made mandatory on either side of the road also.**

**(c)No rescue operation has been conducted by the executing agencies of MoRTH and this action is under the purview of Forest and Wildlife Authorities. However, patrolling vehicles keep watch on such accidents and there is preparedness to help Forest and Wildlife Authorities in rescue and transfer to the nearest veterinary hospital.**

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