

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1937  
ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**ROAD ACCIDENTS**

**1937. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:**

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

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) the numbers of deaths due to road accidents on National Highways during each of the last three years and the current year in the country;**
- (b) whether the said number is increasing every year and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to undertake road safety audit of National Highways in the country to minimize the number of road accidents; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be implemented?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) & (b) As per the information available with the Ministry, the total number of deaths due to road accidents on National Highways (including on Expressways) in the country during the last five calendar years i.e. 2016 to 2020 are given in the table below :-**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Persons killed on National Highways</b>	<b>% age increase / decrease over previous year</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>52,075</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>53,181</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>54,046</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>53,872</b>	<b>-0.32</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>47,984</b>	<b>-10.93</b>

**The major causes of accidents on the National Highways (NHs) are vehicle design and condition, road engineering, over-speeding, drunken driving/ consumption of alcohol & drug, driving on wrong side, jumping red light, Use of mobile phone, etc.**

**(c) Ministry has issued guidelines dated 09th November, 2020 for improving the road safety through road safety audit at all stage (design stage, construction stage and O&M stage) by engaging independent Road safety expert.**

**(d) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) conducts Road Safety Audits regularly as per Concession/ Contract Agreement for all stages (Design/Construction/O&M) of National Highways (NHs) through Independent/ Third party Safety Consultants. The recommendations of the Auditors are being complied by Project Implementation Units at regular interval. Till now more than 18,096 Km of Roads has been audited by the Ministry.**

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