

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2733  
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2021

**AIR BAGS FOR CARS**

**2733. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:**

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES **भारी उद्योग मंत्री** be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to provide air bags in the all cars keeping in view the increasing incidents of road accidents in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether the customers have to pay additional charges for the said facility;
- (d): if so, the details thereof; and
- (e): the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

**(a) & (b):** Ministry of Road Transport & Highways vide GSR 1483(E) dated 7th December 2017 through AIS 145 had mandated the requirement of Driver Airbag. MoRT&H has notified GSR 148(E) dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 regarding mandatory provision of an airbag for the passenger seated on the front seat of a vehicle, next to the driver. This has been mandated as an important safety feature, and is also based on suggestions of the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety.

**(c) & (d):** As per information received from Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), no additional charge has to be paid for this facility.

**(e):** MoRT&H has intimated that it has been mandated that the vehicles manufactured on and after the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April, 2021, in the case of new models, and 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2021, in the case of existing models, shall be fitted with airbag for the person occupying the front seat, other than the driver, and the requirement for such airbag shall be as per AIS 145, as amended from time to time, till the corresponding Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016). However, due to COVID 19 pandemic, the Government vide GSR 595(E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 has decided to extend the timeline in respect of date of implementation of fitment of air bags on existing models upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

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