GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4618 ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2022

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS

4618. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recorded the number of deaths of commercial truck drivers due to road accidents during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any data regarding the number of FIRs that have been lodged in such road accidents involving commercial trucks and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has considered any measures for compulsory social security and life insurance schems for commercial truck drivers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes minimum wages for commercial truck drivers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) The ministry analyses the road safety on the basis of road accidents data received from States/UTs. The number of road accidents and persons killed in such accidents in which impacting vehicles are trucks/lorries during the last three years are as under:

Vehicle type	2017			2018			2019		
Truck/ Lorry	Accidents	Killed	Injured	Accidents	Killed	Injured	Accidents	Killed	Injured
	58525	23483	52805	57441	23868	51166	37078	13532	30929

- (c) No such information is maintained by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways as Law and Order is a State Subject.
- (d) & (e) The Occupational Safety, Health and Working conditions code, 2020 (37 of 2020) Act passed by the Parliament provides for occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions etc. of motor transport workers including Truck drivers.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken various steps in the interest of Drivers including Truck Drivers such as Wayside Amenities, Food Court, Truck Parking Bays etc. on National Highways.
