GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1972 ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY, 2025

ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY-16

1972. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that on an average at least one road accident is reported daily on National Highway-16 between Gannavaram and Nallajerla in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said stretch of National Highway-16 is in poor and uneven condition with bumps and irregularities causing frequent mishaps and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding the total number of accidents, fatalities and valuation of damage caused by accidents during the last five years across Andhra Pradesh especially on National Highway-16 between Gannavaram and Nallajerla in Eluru district;
- (d) the reasons for the delay in maintenance or repair work on this road;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure smooth and safe passage for commuters on this route; and
- (f) the measures being undertaken to prevent accidents on this particular stretch of National Highway-16?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (c) Government in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways collects road accident data on a calendar year basis from States/Union Territories and publishes the data in the annual publication 'Road Accidents in India'. The details of number of accidents, fatalities and persons Injured on National Highways for the State of Andhra Pradesh during year 2018 to 2022, is given below:

Calendar Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Nos. of Accidents	8122	7682	7167	8241	8650
Nos. of Fatalities	2929	3114	2858	3602	3793
Nos. of Persons Injured	8251	8651	7215	8323	8890

Further, the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has reported total 1614 Nos. of accidents and 254 Nos. of fatalities on Gannavaram to Nallajerla section of NH-16 in last five years.

(b), (d), (e) and (f) Gannavaram to Nallajerla stretch is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by Contractors/ Concessionaire as per provisions of Agreement. However, occasional settlements have been observed at the approaches of some structures which are rectified by the Concessionaire/ Contractors from time to time.

In addition to this, regular site inspections are carried out for identifying the defects and rectification measures are taken up through Concessionaire/ Contractors. NHAI has also appointed Road Safety Consultants and necessary safety measures like sign boards, speed calming measures, road safety awareness programs etc., are done for reducing the accidents. Further, District Road Safety Committee meeting is held regularly for addressing the issues related to Road Safety in co-ordination with District Administration and police department.
