

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

**LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2025**

Bharat NCAP

3056. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP) and its implementation status;**
- (b) the number of car models that have been tested under this program so far and their safety ratings;**
- (c) whether making these crash test ratings mandatory for all new car models is under consideration, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the steps taken to increase public awareness about vehicle safety features; and**
- (e) the plans to include pedestrian protection and child occupant safety in the assessment criteria?**

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

(a) Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAP) is India's official crash-test and vehicle safety rating programme applicable to M1 category of vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight up to 3,500 kg. The programme was launched in August, 2023 as a voluntary initiative and became operational from 1st October, 2023.

The programme has been established as a comprehensive ecosystem to provide credible, transparent, and India-specific star-based safety ratings for cars sold in the country, enabling consumers to make informed purchase decisions. The assessment benchmarks under Bharat NCAP are in addition to the prevailing statutory regulatory requirements.

(b) A total of 27 safety ratings have been released under the programme till date.

Below are the Safety Ratings for the assessed vehicle models for Adult Occupant Protection (AOP) and Child Occupant Protection (COP).

Sr. No.	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	AOP	COP
			Rating	Rating
1	TATA	SAFARI	5	5
2	TATA	HARRIER	5	5
3	TATA	PUNCH.EV	5	5
4	TATA	NEXON.EV	5	5
5	TATA	NEXON	5	5
6	CITROEN	BASALT	4	4
7	TATA	CURVV	5	5
8	TATA	CURVV.EV	5	5
9	Mahindra	XUV 3XO	5	5
10	Mahindra	XUV 400 EV	5	5
11	HYUNDAI	TUCSON	5	5
12	Mahindra	THAR ROXX	5	5
13	SKODA	KYLAQ	5	5
14	Mahindra	BE 6	5	5
15	Mahindra	XEV 9e	5	5

16	KIA	Syros	5	5
17	MARUTI	BALENO (2 Airbags)	4	4
18	MARUTI	BALENO (6 Airbags)	4	4
19	Maruti	Dzire	5	5
20	Toyota	Innova Hycross	5	5
21	TATA	Harrier.EV	5	5
22	Maruti	Victoris	5	5
23	Tata	Altroz	5	5
24	Maruti	Invicto	5	5
25	Citroen	C3 Aircross	5	4
26	Honda	Amaze	5	4
27	Maruti	E Vitara	5	5

(c) Presently, under this programme, cars are tested on a voluntary basis as per the protocol AIS-197.

(d) Publication of safety ratings and star-ratings are accessible to public enabling consumers to compare car models based on crash performance.

(e) Pedestrian Protection and Child Occupant Safety are already a part of the current Bharat NCAP assessment protocol. Child Occupant Safety rating is awarded to each vehicle separately.
