

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1009  
ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**INCREASE IN ROAD FATALITIES AND ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES**

**1009. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:**

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

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Highways, comprising about 2 per cent of India's road network, account for approximately 30-34 per cent of total road fatalities;**
- (b) whether it is also a fact that road traffic crashes have become the 11th largest contributor to India's health burden in terms of deaths and disabilities, with the share increasing from 11 per cent in 2010 to 17 per cent in 2024; and**
- (c) the present status and future planning for setting up trauma OPD centres along National Highways?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

- (a) As per electronic Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) for 2025 (as on 2.2.2026), the number of road accidents fatalities on National Highways comprise 33.27% of the total number of road accident fatalities on all roads in the country.**
- (b) As per report on Medical Certification of Causes of Deaths 2023 published by the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India, total number of deaths are 19,00,956. The External Causes of Morbidity and Mortality accounted for 68,311 medically certified deaths, of which deaths due to motor vehicle traffic accidents accounted for 12,319 deaths.**

**(c) As per information provided by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, during 11th Five Year Plan and 12th Five Year Plan under the “National Programme for Prevention & Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries” (NPPMT&BI), total 196 Trauma Care Facilities (TCFs) were sanctioned in Government Hospitals/ Medical Colleges across the country.**

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