

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2153
ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026
UTILISATION OF ROAD SAFETY FUND**

2153. SHRI VARUN CHAUDHRY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of collection and utilisation of the Road Safety Fund during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;**
- (b) the impact of utilisation of the Road Safety Fund in reducing road accidents and road accident deaths; and**
- (c) whether any review of the utilisation of the Road Safety Fund has been undertaken vis-a-vis its objective of reducing road accidents and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (c) There is no specific Road Safety Fund at the Central level. Road Safety funds are established at the level of States/UTs. However, Road Safety is an integral and indispensable component of every National Highway Project. Road Safety initiatives on National Highways commence with the inception of Detailed Project Report (DPR) as road safety audit of all National Highways projects has been made mandatory at all stages i.e. design, construction, operation & maintenance through auditors/experts. As per available data, expenditure on comprehensive road safety aspects varies from 2.21% to 15% of total cost of the development projects depending upon structures involved for construction of National Highways.

Besides, the Government also implements the scheme for creation of awareness & publicity among road users and provides financial support to Transport Departments of States/UTs for setting up of Model Driving Training Institutes/Centres, setting up of Model Inspection & Certification Centres, improving and Strengthening of Public Transport

System etc. The details of funds released for these initiatives during the last three Financial Years are placed at Annexure.

The analysis of the road accident fatalities data in terms of number of vehicles and road length indicates that the road fatalities per 10,000 vehicles have reduced from 5.8 in 2018 to 4.3 in 2022 and fatalities per 10,000 Kms of roads have reduced from 254 in 2018 to 250 in 2022.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2153 ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026 ASKED BY SHRI VARUN CHAUDHRY REGARDING UTILISATION OF ROAD SAFETY FUND.

Details of funds released by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for various road safety initiatives/schemes during the last five FYs

(Rs. In Crores)											
Sl. No.	Activity/ Programme	BE FY 2020-21	Expenditure in FY 2020-21	BE FY 2021-22	Expenditure in FY 2021-22	BE FY 2022-23	Expenditure in FY 2022-23	BE FY 2023-24	Expenditure in FY 2023-24	BE FY 2024-25	Expenditure in FY 2024-25
1	Road Safety publicity measures and awareness campaigns, National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS), refresher Training of Drivers in Unorganised Sector and Human Resource Development, etc.	171.00	65.94	109.00	41.48	189.50	68.67	138.10	85.04	103.50	99.20
2	Inspection and Certification Centres (Revenue)	29.00	16.20	29.00	14.15	33.00	14.60	24.00	17.77	19.50	10.65
3	Improving and Strengthening of Public Transport System	89.00	30.60	103.00	10.80	15.00*	30.33	50.00	38.00	38.00	16.04

*** Rs. 40.00 crore at RE Stage**
