

are rectified. During the year 2006, MMD Surveyors inspected a total of 653 foreign flag ships at various ports and out of these, 99 ships were detained due to deficiencies. Almost 80% of 99 ships detained were above 25 years of age, and out of the total number of 653 inspections carried out about 30% were above 25 years of age.

(c) Reported deaths of Indian seafarers working on foreign flag ships of more than 15 years old since January 2005 are as follows:

Years	No. incidents involving foreign ships (more than 15 years old)	No. of deaths
2005	5	5
2006	1	3
2007	2	2

Roads constructed under Highway Plan

4677. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the roads constructed till December, 2006 as Cabinet approval for construction of 5,000 km. under the Highway Plan was accorded in December, 2003;

(b) whether the annual targets fixed for North-South and East-West corridors have been achieved;

(c) if not, whether there has been any cost-over-run or time-over-run; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) In December, 2003, Government had approved for undertaking 4/6 laning of 6,195 km length of National Highways (NHs) under National Highways Development

Project (NHDP) Phase-II. These projects are at various stages of implementation. Out of this an aggregate length of 29 km was completed till December, 2006.

(b) NHDP Phase-II is targeted for completion by December, 2009.

(c) and (d) The cost-over-run for NHDP Phase-II would be known only after its completion.

Report of WHO on road accidents

4678. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report released by WHO, road accidents are killing more than AIDS;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the said report;

(c) whether Government had received any guidelines from WHO regarding road safety; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, The World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention of World Health Organization in 2004, *inter-alia*, recommended that all the Governments may assess the current status of Road Safety in their country, review policies, institutional arrangements and capacity and take appropriate action. Further, for the low income and middle income countries with limited human and financial resources it is suggested to work with international or Non-Government Organization or other partners to implement the recommendations. The main recommendation of the World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention of World Health Organization in 2004 are as under:—

(i) Identify a lead agency in government to guide the national road traffic safety effort.