safety measures such as road signage, central line/edge line markings, crash barriers etc. During 2009-2010, works for a length of 440.48 km at an aggregate cost of Rs. 560.34 crore has been sanctioned by the Ministry for improvement of roads in Assam, including such road safety measures.

Central funds to states for road safety

4434. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether there is any Central scheme to provide funds to the State Governments to improve their road safety;

(b)   if so, the State-wise details thereof and the amount allocated during the last three years and current year;

(c)   whether Government has received request from Government of Himachal Pradesh for providing special financial assistance to construct retaining wall along certain roads in order to stop increasing number of road accidents in lack of that; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA): (a) and (b) No Sir. There is no Central scheme to provide funds to the State Governments to improve their road safety.

(c) and (d) This Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for providing special financial assistance to construct retaining wall. However, as and when the provisions for retaining walls are recommended by State Public Works Department of Himachal Pradesh as part of Estimates for National Highways, the same will be considered by the Ministry.

Road accidents on NHs and expressways

4435. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether as per report of World Health Organization, India has been reported as having one of the highest road accidents and fatalities in the world;

(b)   if so, the number of road accidents and consequent fatalities reported on National Highways and Expressways in the country during the last three years including current year, State-wise;