

1	2	3	4	5	6
		4. Lohardaga	143	0	143
		5. West Singhbhum	51	41	92
		TOTAL	534	41	575
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1. Balaghat	0	121	121
6.	Maharashtra	1. Gondia	0	117	117
		2. Gadchiroli	0	284	284
		TOTAL	0	401	401
7.	Orissa	1. Sambalpur	0	54	54
		2. Gajapati	0	157	157
		3. Malkangiri	0	140	140
		4. Rayagada	0	119	119
		TOTAL	0	470	470
8.	Uttar Pradesh	1. Sonbhadra	63	80	143
		GRAND TOTAL	1202	4363	5565

#### Road safety on NHs

4439. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to set up an independent body to put in place safety provisions for National Highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to create a national road safety fund aimed to give financial freedom to the proposed board;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that India has the maximum number of road accidents in the world; and
- (f) whether the proposed road safety fund will be responsible for prescribing steps to uplift safety standards in the design, construction and maintenance of highways besides suggesting safety measures for motor vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA): (a) and (b) The Government has introduced a bill in Lok Sabha on 4th May, 2010 to create National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board to oversee road safety activities in the country in a comprehensive manner.

(c) and (d) The bill also envisages creation of National Road Safety and Traffic Management Fund by way of earmarking one percent of the Cess on petrol and diesel allocated for National Highways and Railways for providing an independent resource mechanism for the National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board to carry out its activities.

(e) Yes Sir. As per the World Road Statistics (WRS) 2009, brought out by the international Road Federation, Geneva, India has reported the highest number of the persons killed in Road Accidents (114444) followed by China (81649). United States of America (17,48,435) has the highest Number of "injury accidents" followed by Japan (832454) & India (479219).

(f) The National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board Bill-2010 envisages that the Board will have powers to recommend standards for design, construction and maintenance of National Highways besides recommending safety standards for motor vehicles.

#### **Road accidents on NHs in Tamil Nadu**

4440. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of fatal road accidents on the National Highways in the State of Tamil Nadu is very high mainly due to the less width of the highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of fatal accidents on the National Highways during each of the last three years and its percentage of the all India figure; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the widening of the National Highways in the State, highways-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEV S. KHANDELA): (a) It is true that the number of fatal road accidents on the National Highways in the State of Tamil Nadu is very high. However, Road accidents and fatalities occurring on National Highways are caused due to a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrians, defect in road condition, bad weather, increase in