

Year	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Killed per Day	Number of Persons Killed per hour	Number of Road Accidents	Growth Rate of road accidents (%)
2004	92618	253	11	429910	—
2005	94968	260	11	439255	2.17
2006	105749	290	12	460920	4.93
2007	114444	314	13	479216	3.97

(c) The funds allocated for various Road safety programmes are not related to the allocation of funds for construction of roads but are based on approved Schemes pertaining to Road Safety. The details of funds allocated and spent on various road safety schemes, during the last five years and the current year are as under :—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	BE/RE	Expenditure
2004-05	39.70	34.99
2005-06	43.05	29.70
2006-07	47.00	43.25
2007-08	52.00	42.87
2008-09	73.00	54.89
2009-10	79.00	08.00 (till date)

The Sundar Committee which was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Sundar, former Secretary, Ministry of Surface Transport to make recommendations for setting up a separate body on "Road Safety and Traffic management" has *inter alia* recommended creation of an apex body *i.e.* National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board, creation of a dedicated road safety fund namely National Road Safety Fund by way of earmarking 1% of the total proceeds of the cess on diesel and petrol. The proposal has been referred to the Cabinet for their approval.

#### Projects to connect NHs to districts

†1487. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated an ambitious project to connect National Highways to several districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) the amount estimated to be shell out by Government for this project;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that any target of construction of road under this project has been fixed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the names of the districts of Uttar Pradesh included in this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The Government has not formulated any specific scheme as such to connect NHs to several districts of the country. However, the Ministry has formulated a Programme known as "Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for the North-East Region (SARDP-NE)" including Arunachal Pradesh Package mainly to provide connectivity to all the State Capitals and District Headquarters in the North-East Region. It envisages two/four laning of about 9,740 km length of roads (4,984 km of NHs and 4,756 km of State roads). Out of this, Phase-A of SARDP-NE has been approved involving improvement of 2,596 km length of roads (1,839 km NH and 757 km State Roads) for a total estimated cost of Rs. 14,903 crore, which is to be met from budgetary allocation. Also, the Arunachal Pradesh Package involving improvement of 2,319 km length of roads (1,472 km of NHs and 847 km of State Roads) has also been approved for implementation for a total estimated cost of Rs. 12,500 crore, which is to be met from budgetary allocation. Phase-B of SARDP-NE has been approved for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) involving 4,825 km length of roads (1,673 km NH and 3,152 km State Roads).

(d) and (e) Phase-A of SARDP-NE is targeted for completion by March 2014. The Arunachal Pradesh Package is targeted for completion by March 2015.

(f) There are no other such specific schemes to link districts in other States of the country with NHs, including the State of Uttar Pradesh.

#### **Concretization of NHs**

†1488. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is now contemplating to concretize all National Highways;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of amount required by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) No Sir, there is no proposal to concretize all National Highways.

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