Fatal accidents in Himachal Pradesh

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

- (a) whether Himachal Pradesh tops in ranking of fatal accidents in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether Government has taken any action to improve road safety in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO S. KHANDELA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The State-wise break-up of accidents and fatal accidents from 2005 to 2008 (the latest available data) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (d) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this Ministry has taken several corrective actions to improve road safety for road users in the country including Himachal Pradesh which are as under:

- Road safety is an integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.
- (ii) Road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, and enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.
- (iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector being implemented by the Ministry since 1997-98 under plan activities.
- (iv) Setting up of Driving Training School in the country.
- (v) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness both through the audio-visual and print media.
- (vi) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.
- (viii) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides, ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed stretches of National Highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.
- (ix) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

SI.	States/UTs	2005	2005		2006		2007)
No.		Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total
		Accidents							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	States								
1	Andhra Pradesh	9126	37131	11378	43559	11885	44325	12233	42657
2	Arunachal Pradesh	63	231	87	250	81	240	90	280
3	Assam	1420	4258	1627	4694	1483	4403	1641	4683
4	Bihar	1462	3768	2315	5594	3074	7774	3514	8991
5	Chhattisgarh	2049	11164	2288	11934	2496	12296	2600	12945
6	Goa	220	3577	290	3707	300	4020	294	4178
7	Gujarat	4922	30515	5435	31547	5958	33623	6132	33671
8	Haryana	3010	9298	3483	10314	3980	11998	4071	11596
9	Himachal Pradesh	549	2797	577	2727	659	2955	568	2756
10	Jammu & Kashmir	660	5664	646	5593	717	5864	694	5326

Statement Total number of road accidents in States/UTs in 2005 to 2008

11	Jharkhand	1784	5013	1784	4980	2078	5285	1829	4985	
12	Karnataka	6093	40330	7092	43411	7875	46363	7848	46279	
13	Kerala	2956	42295	3390	41728	3465	39917	3632	37263	
14	Madhya Pradesh	4620	35123	4846	38041	5457	41981	5861	43852	
15	Maharashtra	8867	72408	9796	75413	9802	73661	10789	75527	
16	Manipur	115	600	127	521	103	538	109	573	
17	Meghalaya	106	428	125	435	107	300	103	294	
18	Mizoram	52	96	53	95	44	77	53	110	
19	Nagaland	48	226	60	194	74	239	57	76	
20	Orissa	2279	7593	2456	7729	2726	8213	2838	8181	
21	Punjab	2447	4599	2724	4927	2664	5208	2840	5115	
22	Rajasthan	5815	23115	6252	23348	7036	23885	7241	23704	
23	Slkkim	53	189	40	188	31	150	32	196	
24	Tamil Nadu	8843	53866	10055	55145	11034	59140	11813	60409	
25	Tripura	188	657	187	793	195	801	190	767	
26	Uttarakhand	622	1332	758	1461	773	1529	717	1417	
27	Uttar Pradesh	8832	18325	9592	19489	10256	21522	11652	25684	
28	West Bengal	4073	12597	3896	11324	4232	11660	4671	12206	

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UTs								
1 Andaman & Nicobar Islands	17	205	18	154	21	173	22	191
2 Chandigarh	133	530	134	517	142	534	144	482
3 Dadra & Nagar Haveli	51	127	43	103	61	116	62	116
4 Daman & Diu	21	62	24	57	29	60	29	50
5 Delhi	1771	9351	2129	9299	2081	8620	2015	8435
6 Lakshadweep	0	5	1	10	0	2	0	12
7 Puducherry	224	1780	209	1639	242	1744	207	1697
Total :	83491	439255	93917	460920	101161	479216	106591	484704

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