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Accidents on Delhi-Amritsar National Highway

3214. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in road accidents on National highway passing through Delhi to Amritsar (Punjab) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent by Government on safety measures of the Highway users; and

(c) the details of facility provided for the safety and benefit of Highway users and arrangements exist for emergency medical aid to accident victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Road Accident data on a National Highways-wise basis is not maintained by this Ministry. However the number of people killed on the National Highways in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 is enclosed as Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Road Safety features are an integral part of road engineering projects. It is not possible to quantify the exact amount earmarked for road engineering related Road Safety activities on National Highways.

Besides, Central Government administers a number of road safety schemes which aim at inculcating an awareness about road safety amongst all road users including those on National Highways, refresher training of drivers of heavy vehicles in unorganized sector and to provide road safety equipments like crane and ambulances for clearing accident sites and evacuating accidents victims to the nearest medical aid centre etc. During the first two years of Tenth Five-Year Plan *i.e.* 2002-03 and 2003-04, an amount of Rs. 29.75 Crores and Rs. 34.80 crores respectively was spent on such activities.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in Hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of accident victims.

Apart from above as per information obtained from Governments of

Haryana and Punjab, both the States have set up Traffic-aid posts and introduced patrolling services on National Highways with vehicles equipped with video cameras, speed checking devices, traffic cones etc. In emergency, person affected can ask for the assistance from the nearest Traffic-aid post or the patrolling vehicle for emergency aid to accident victims.

Statement

Number of persons killed in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi on National Highways

Name of the State/UT	2000	2001	2002
Haryana	1150	1178	1070
Punjab	823	924	1019
Delhi	330	268	251

Highways in North-East areas

3215. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a special development package of Rs. 450 Crores for the development of highways for the North-East areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have carried out an survey to identify the highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have set any target to develop the highways in North-East;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount allocated for this purpose during the coming fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry have formulated a programme, namely 'Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North-Eastern Region' which is under finalization. An amount of Rs. 450.00 crore has been kept in the Budget of 2005-06 for the above programme. The roads included in the said programme have been identified in consultation with the State Governments