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B	Proposals on which clarifications have been sought from the State Government	
1	Development of inland waterways from south Mumbai to ambra river/Dharmatar creek at Rewas & vice versa.	2.97
2	Development of inland waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri creek) at Agardanda.	3.35
3	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project at Isapur, district Yavatmal.	3.91
4	Development of inland water transport across Mumbai harbour (ferrywharf to Nerul & vice versa).	67.00
5	Development of amenities jetties at Elephente, Konkan coast and creeks along Konkan coast (Jaigad Sangemeshwar, Tarkarli—Kalaval).	8.00
6	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Koyna backwater.	5.00
7	Development of inland water transport for eco-tourism project along Arunavati river at taluka Digras, district Yavatmal.	5.00
	TOTAL	117.81

Rising number of Road Accidents

2634. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of accidents on highways is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured in these incidents, year-wise;

(d) total loss of property suffered in these incidents;

(e) the reasons for rise in number of road accidents; and

(f) the remedial steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) As reported by the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, the number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured in road accidents on highways in the country during the year 2000, 2001 and 2002 are as under:

Year	Road Accidents		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	National Highways	State Highways	National Highways	State Highways	National Highways	State Highways
2000	110508	*	30216	*	124600	*
2001	115824	91343	32108	22352	119592(P)	103676(P)
2002	131738	95666	33621	23001	132307	103946

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*Compilation of data for accidents on State highways commenced from the year 2001.

(d) Such information is not compiled by this Ministry.

(e) and (f) Increase in population, growth in vehicle population and expansion/upgradation of road infrastructure are allowing for higher speed are some of the factors that lead to increase in road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Central Government to check the road accidents on National Highways besides highway design are as under:

- (1) Grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety-programmes.
- (2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- (3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
- (4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (5) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
- (6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- (7) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.