

Rising road accidents

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of road accidents in the country has been continuously increasing;
- (b) if so, the number of such accidents in 2009, 2010 and 2011;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the increase in accidents is primarily due to the mistakes committed in making designs; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the planning of Government for making amendments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHARBHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The latest information on road accidents in India is available for the calendar year 2010. The number of road accidents in India reported during the years 2009 and 2010 was 4,86,384 and 4,99,628 respectively.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The analysis of road accident data received from States/UTs reveals that drivers' fault is the single most important factor responsible for accidents, fatalities and injuries. This accounted for about 78.0% (389,885 accidents) of total road accidents during 2010. Defect in Road condition accounted for only 1.2% (5,869 accidents) of the total road accidents during the year 2010. The cause wise breakup of the accidents was under :

Causes of Road Accidents	2009	2010
Fault of Driver	381,648	389,885
Fault of Cyclist	5,723	5,894
Fault of Pedestrian	10,822	13,304
Defect in Condition of Motor Vehicle	8,726	8,630
Defect in Road Condition	6,528	5,869
Weather Condition	3,879	4,767
All Other Causes*	69,058	71,279

* : Includes Fault of Driver of other vehicles, Fault of Passengers, Poor light condition, Falling of boulders, Neglect of civic bodies, Stray animals, other causes and causes not known.