

(b) the length of the new National Highways, in kilometres, proposed to be constructed by Government in the coming years; and

(c) the length of the National Highways, in kilometres, in Gujarat at present along with the length of new National Highways, in kilometres, Government proposes to construct in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) 94567 km.

(b) Declaration of new National Highway is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

(c) Length of National Highways in the State of Gujarat is about 4686 kms and additional about 450 kms are proposed for declaration as new National Highway.

#### **Rise in road accidents in metro cities**

598. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road accidents in the country, particularly in metro-cities, are on increase recently;

(b) if so, the details of the road accidents and people died thereby in metro-cities during the last three years; and

(c) what measures are being taken to reduce the road accidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) and (b) As per the data of "Road Accidents in India 2012" published by Transport Research Wing of the Ministry, there was a declining trend in the road accidents for the period 2010 to 2012 in the country. However, the road accidents in some Metro cities (Million plus) have slightly increased during 2012 in comparison to 2011. The details of road accidents & persons killed in 20 Metro cities for the period 2010, 2011 and 2012 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) The Government has taken the following steps to minimize road accidents in the country:

- (i) The Government has formulated a National Road Safety Policy. This Policy outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, establishing road safety information data base, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws etc.
- (ii) The Government has constituted National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety. The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees.
- (iii) The Ministry has adopted a multi pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on four E's of Road Safety viz. (i) Education (ii) Enforcement (iii) Engineering (roads as well as vehicles) and (iv) Emergency care.
- (iv) Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at the planning stage.
- (v) Road Safety Audit of selected stretches of National Highways/ Expressways.
- (vi) Establishment of driving training institutes.
- (vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles like helmets, seat belts, power-steering, rear view mirror.
- (viii) Publicity campaigns on road safety awareness.

***Statement***

*Accidents and Persons Killed in Million Plus Cities during  
the calender years 2010, 2011 and 2012*

	Cities	2010		2011		2012	
		Total	Persons	Total	Persons	Total	Persons
		Accidents	Killed	Accidents	Killed	Accidents	Killed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Ahmedabad	2,135	235	2,020	227	1,850	251
2	Bangalore	6,490	832	6,031	720	5,508	725

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Chennai	5,123	607	—	—	9,663	1,401
4	Coimbatore	1,131	274	1,126	259	1,128	270
5	Delhi	7,260	2,153	7,281	2,065	6,937	1,866
6	Hyderabad	2,797	494	2,651	441	2,577	464
7	Indore	4,961	414	4,995	425	5,433	447
8	Jaipur	2,000	436	2,002	406	1,792	391
9	Kochi	1,779	166	1,986	182	2,280	144
10	Kolkata	2,843	354	3,133	418	3,937	498
11	Lucknow	1,275	498	1,270	517	1,202	497
12	Ludhiana	430	227	444	294	430	262
13	Madurai	568	120	685	125	839	127
14	Mumbai	28,424	637	25,471	563	24,592	488
15	Nagpur	1,548	317	1,231	236	1,083	280
16	Patna	1,170	444	1,225	507	1,185	509
17	Pune	1,999	439	261	64	1,624	407
18	Vadodara	1,335	188	1,343	172	1,196	171
19	Varanasi	359	248	142	73	379	216
20	Visakhapatnam	1,865	460	1,548	414	1,439	384

**Finance corporation for road sector**

599. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

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

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to set up a finance corporation in partnership with Japanese investors to fund projects in the road sector; and