

Measures to address road safety issues

886. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country accounts for more than ten per cent of total road fatalities world wide despite having only one per cent of the world's vehicle population and about 1.38 lakh people died in road accidents in India during 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different agencies including WHO have pushed the need for a central body that can co-ordinate and oversee road safety related issues in India;

(d) whether Government is mulling to establish the National Road Safety and Traffic Management Board to address road safety related issues; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Based on the latest issue of the "World Road Statistics" (WRS) 2012, brought out by the International Road Federation, Geneva, the highest number of fatalities in road accidents in the world for year 2010 was reported in India (1,33,938). During 2013, 1,37,572 persons were killed in road accidents.

(c) to (e) This Ministry has drafted a Road Transport and Safety Bill, 2014. Chapter II of the proposed bill provides for establishment of a National Road Safety and Traffic Management Authority to *inter-alia* address issues related to road safety.

Poor condition of National Highways

887. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many National Highways in Uttar Pradesh are in a dilapidated condition and these highways are not even motorable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether repairing work has not been done on these NHs during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Some National Highways in Uttar Pradesh namely, NH-29 (Varanasi-Gorakhpur road), NH-24B (Raebareili-Allahabad road), NH-232 (Tanda-Raebareili-Banda road), NH-91 (Aligarh-Kanpur road), NH-87