

Old bridges in the country

†587. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details about the number of bridges which have outlived their age, State wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are a number of bridges in the country which are risky for vehicles;
- (c) if so, whether Government has formulated a timebound plan to build new bridges replacing them; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) The government has established Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) for inventorization and condition survey of all bridges on National Highways. Under Setu Bhartam Scheme, improvement of approximately 1500 bridges have been planned for construction, reconstruction or strengthening, as required.

Accidents on national highways

588. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that one person is killed every two kilometers on National Highways;
- (b) if so, the number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities on each National Highway during 2014, 2015 and 2016;
- (c) what measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Ministry to identify and rectify defects in road design, construction or maintenance to reduce accidents on National Highways;
- (d) how many kilometers of National Highways are not illuminated as on date, National Highway-wise; and
- (e) what steps are being taken to illuminate them completely?

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