

construction activities and to drive carefully. It may not be out of place to mention that the construction zones may cause some inconvenience to commuters, but the same is for benefit of commuters at large after completion of the work.

Installation of sensors on bridges

*157. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to install sensors on bridges on stretches that are largely used for movement of over-dimensional vehicles to carry heavy equipments, such as electricity turbines, so that the health of these structures can be assessed in real time and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government had rolled out Indian Bridge Management System in early 2016, after realising that there was no centralised list of bridges, and hence it depended on physical reports to undertake repair, maintenance or rehabilitation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) At present, no sensors have been installed on stretches that are largely used for movement of over-dimensional vehicles. However, on high density corridors, Government has decided in-principle to install sensors on bridges on pilot basis.

Ministry has established Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) during FY 2015-16 for field data collection and inspection of all bridges on all National Highways in the country for a period of three years. One central consultant is appointed for processing the entire data collected in IBMS system. 18 field consultants are appointed for collecting all the inventory and condition survey data in real time framework. As on 21.07.2017, Bridge inventory and condition survey of 1,62,022 bridges including 1,26,233 culverts have been carried out and a total number of 147 bridges have been found under distress condition. Concerned executive agencies (like State PWDs, NHAI, NHIDCL) have already been asked to undertake repairs, rehabilitation and reconstruction of all such bridges after detailed condition survey.

Man-animal conflict

*158. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent study, there are two deaths everyday due to man-animal conflict and if so, the details thereof; and