

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this new policy would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pace of road construction

251. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of road construction rose to 22.5 km. per day in 2016-17 up from 16.6 km. per day in 2015-16;

(b) whether in 2016-17, 16,271 km. of road projects were awarded as against 10,000 km. awarded in 2015-16;

(c) whether the pace of road construction rose 36 per cent to 8,231 km. in 2016-17 as compared to the previous financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The pace of road construction and award has increased in 2016-17 as compared to 2015-16. The details are as per table below:—

Year	2015-16	2016-17	Cumulative annual increase
Construction	6,061	8,231	35.80%
Award	10,098	16,271	61.13%

Deaths in road accidents

252. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at least 410 people lost their lives daily in road accidents across the country during the last year as compared to 400 lives in 2015;