

(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;

(b) whether the rate of rise in fatalities came down in 2016 as compared to the previous year;

(c) whether nearly 1.5 lakh people were killed in accidents last year as compared to 1.46 lakh in 2015; 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) As per publication "Road Accidents in India 2016" published by Transport Research Wing of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, during the calendar year 2016, 1,50,785 persons lost their lives which translates 413 deaths every day. During the calendar year 2015, 1,46,133 persons lost their lives which translates 400 deaths every day.

Modern bus terminals in States

253. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is willing to bear a percentage of cost of modern bus terminals being set up in States;

(b) whether the proposed help is only relating to bus terminals being set up with international standards;

(c) whether there are any plans to replicate London Transport Authority model in the country; and

(d) to what extent the proposed international standard bus terminals would help in reducing automobile growth in the country which now stands at 22 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways formulated a scheme namely, "Development of Bus Terminals on BOT basis" for implementation during Twelfth Five Year Plan. This scheme provides for financial assistance to engage Project Development Consultants for development of bus terminals on BOT basis. This scheme is to be appraised for continuation with completion of Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.