

Bridge on river Ganga from Bakhtiarpur to Tajpur

†1046. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken for construction of a bridge on river Ganga from Bakhtiarpur to Tajpur;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this bridge was stipulated to be completed by the year 2016;
- (c) the reason for not constructing this bridge so far;
- (d) whether this bridge is not being constructed for lack of funds; and
- (e) the amount allocated for construction of this bridge in the budget 2018-19 and the time by which it would be ready after construction, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) The bridge on river Ganga between Bakhtiarpur and Tajpur is not on a National Highway. This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Loss in national income due to road fatalities

1047. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that reducing road fatalities by half in India and keeping it at the same level till 2038 could generate additional national income of about ₹ 17.64 lakh crore;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India has the dubious distinction of maximum road deaths which was 1.51 lakh in 2016; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) As per "Road Accidents in India 2016, which is based on the information/data reported by Police Department of States/UTs is for the calendar year 2016, the total number of road accidents, and persons killed during the calendar year 2016 is 4,80,652 and 1,50,785 respectively.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The socio-economic cost of road accidents in 1999-2000 was estimated at 3% of GDP by then Planning Commission in their report Tenth Five Year Plan. This has also been reiterated in the Eleventh Five Year Plan report. However, the data regarding generation of likely income by reducing the road accidents is not available with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Deaths due to road accidents on Mumbai to Pune National Highway

1048. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mumbai to Pune National Highway has claimed many lives on account of road accidents;
- (b) if so, the details of persons who lost their lives during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to find out the lacunae on this stretch and reduce the number of accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways does not collect particular stretch-wise/Highway-wise data on road accidents. Persons killed in road accidents in Mumbai to Pune National Highways is not available with the Ministry.

(c) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken a number of steps to prevent road accidents and road accident fatalities including on Mumbai to Pune National Highways as per details mentioned under:

1. The Government has approved a National Road Safety Policy. This Policy outlines various policy measures such as promoting awareness, establishing road safety information data base, encouraging safer road infrastructure including application of intelligent transport, enforcement of safety laws etc.
2. The Government has constituted the National Road Safety Council as the apex body to take policy decisions in matters of road safety.
3. The Ministry has requested all States/UTs for setting up of State Road Safety Council and District Road Safety Committees, and to hold their meetings regularly.