

Training programme for drivers of extra large vehicles

†1851. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to conduct a special training programme for the drivers of extra-large vehicles;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) No specific training programme is under consideration for extra-large vehicles. However, Rule 9 of Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 envisage the minimum training of three days at Institute recognized by the State Government for the person driving a goods carriage carrying goods of dangerous or hazardous nature to human life.

(c) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways administers a scheme under which refresher training are imparted to heavy motor vehicle drivers of un-organized sector to inculcate the habit of road safety.

Highway capacity manual on expansion of highways

1852. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has released the country's first ever highway capacity manual which sets objectives and norms for assessing the performance of roads and specify, when to start their expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this will make an end to undue priorities being given to certain roads for expansion under compulsion; 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. A Highway Capacity Manual prepared by CSIR-Central Road Research was released on 12th February, 2018 which will also help in development of highways and its priority.

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