Petrol pumps to be setup on NHAI along the expressway

1687. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has planned to setup petrol pumps on NHAI along the Expressway;
- (b) whether these petrol pumps will be wholly Government owned or the mechanism under which it will be given to private players;
- (c) whether Government will make provisions for newcomers and first timers to enter in the bid to setup petrol pumps; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (d) Government intends to develop following types of Wayside Amenities Projects to include Retail Outlets (Petrol Pumps), Toilets, Food Courts, Parking etc. on National Highways for road users:-

 Highway Village: To be developed on NHAI land and to be given to developer on qualified highest quoted bid. (ii) Highway Nest: To be developed on Private Land by private land owners/ entrepreneurs and to be awarded on fulfillment of minimum land requirement and financial parameters.

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Anyone, a newcomer or first timer may also apply for the above mentioned Wayside Amenities.

Accidents on highways

1688. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGH-WAYS be pleased to state:

- the number of accidents on highways over the last three years, State-wise; and
- steps taken by Government to reduce the number of accidents on highways?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) As per information received from police department of the State Governments, the total number of road accidents on National Highways and State Highways during the last three calendar years i.e. 2015 to 2017 is given below.

Year	Total number of road accidents on NHs	Total number of road accidents on SHs
2015	1,42,268	1,20,518
2016	1,42,359	1,21,655
2017	1,41,466	1,16,158

State-wise and year-wise break up of the same is given in the Statement (See below).

- (b) With regard to the steps taken by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to reduce the road accidents, details are as follows:
- Advocacy/Publicity campaign on road safety through the electronic media and print media to create awareness.
- (ii)Issue of Guidelines for protection of Good Samaritans,
- (iii) Setting up of model driving training Institutes in States.
- (iv) Sanction of 22 Inspection and Certification Centres for testing the fitness of the commercial vehicles through an automated system
- (v) Launch of mobile app for highway users i.e. "SukhadYatra 1033‰ which enables highways users to report potholes and other safety hazards on National Highways including accidents.