

- (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.

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 HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents on highways over the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) 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:-

- (i) 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.

- (vi) Observance of Road Safety Week every calendar year for spreading awareness and strengthening road safety.
- (vii) The National Road Safety 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. The Ministry has formulated a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on 4 ÂÊÊÊs viz. Education, Engineering (both of roads and vehicles), Enforcement and Emergency Care. Further, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has constituted a District Road Safety Committee in each district of the country to promote awareness amongst road users under the chairmanship of HonÊble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from the district.
- (viii) Road safety has been made an integral part of road design at planning stage.
- (ix) The threshold for four laning of national highway has been reduced from 15,000 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) to 10,000 PCUs.
- (x) Safety standards for automobiles have been improved.
- (xi) High priority has been accorded to identification and rectification of black spots (accident prone spots) on national highways.
- (xii) Ministry has delegated powers to Regional Officers of MoRTH for technical approval to the detailed estimates for rectification of identified Road Accident black spots for expediting the rectification process to ensure safety of road users.
- (xiii) Guidelines for pedestrian facilities on National Highways for persons with disabilities have also been issued to all States / UTs.
- (xiv) A Certification Course for Road Safety Auditors has been commenced in Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) and 42 Auditors are certified.
- (xv) Free Eye Check-up Camp and distribution of eye glasses is conducted for truck/ bus drivers operating on NH.
- (xvi) Removal of Liquor Shops as per directions of HonÊble Supreme Court *vide* circular of F. No. RW/NH-33044/309/2016/S&R dated 06-04-2017 and 01-06-2017.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of road accidents on national highways and state highways during the last three years*

Sl. No.	State/UT	State/UT-wise total number of road accidents on NHs and SHs					
		2015		2016		2017	
		on NHs	on SHs	on NHs	on SHs	on NHs	on SHs
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8477	5351	8171	5639	8544	5657
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	113	0	95	75	88	70
3.	Assam	3353	1898	3478	1999	3274	1619
4.	Bihar	3227	3255	3138	2434	3883	2258
5.	Chhattisgarh	4058	3898	4042	3164	3701	3379
6.	Goa	1784	451	1438	356	1470	527
7.	Gujarat	4897	6739	4617	6309	4333	5424
8.	Haryana	3509	3389	3818	2887	3785	2898
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1211	634	1475	820	1460	777
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	1953	837	2122	537	2139	702
11.	Jharkhand	2007	1480	1935	1704	1828	1678
12.	Karnataka	12705	10254	14933	11462	14217	11193
13.	Kerala	9442	6888	9209	7135	8993	7044
14.	Madhya Pradesh	11988	13166	10709	14456	11150	14351
15.	Maharashtra	10839	11184	10364	9052	9237	8508
16.	Manipur	404	136	325	117	372	144
17.	Meghalaya	322	117	338	102	338	201
18.	Mizoram	29	34	46	27	38	14
19.	Nagaland	34	11	57	0	341	119
20.	Odisha	4480	4074	4214	3328	4487	3445

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21. Punjab		2092	1965	2114	2101	2533	1601
22. Rajasthan		6821	3638	6567	3695	6851	3368
23. Sikkim		117	85	90	70	83	50
24. Tamil Nadu		21902	23165	22573	23405	20696	22527
25. Telangana		5649	3783	6166	4090	6211	3895
26. Tripura		230	268	203	217	221	183
27. Uttarakhand		728	408	842	568	908	332
28. Uttar Pradesh		13802	9320	13078	11715	14333	11529
29. West Bengal		4288	3802	4468	3793	4158	2458
30. Andaman and Nicobar Islands		96	32	90	19	60	50
31. Chandigarh		45	0	47	0	33	0
32. Dadra and Nagar Haveli		0	0	0	6	0	0
33. Daman and Diu		6	0	0	0	9	0
34. Delhi		897	0	723	0	755	0
35. Lakshadweep		0	0	0	0	0	0
36. Puducherry		763	256	874	373	937	157
TOTAL		142268	120518	142359	121655	141466	116158

#### NHs in Gujarat

†1689. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts which would be connected to National Highways (NHs) in the State of Gujarat, under Bharatmala Project;

(b) the details of the works executed, in this regard, so far and the districts which have been connected to Bharatmala Project, in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) the funds released under this project to the State of Gujarat and the amount utilised for the same, so far?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.