

(b) if so, the number of details of wild animals in road accidents; and

(c) measures Government is taking to ensure that no construction clearances are given without assessing the projects's impact on wildlife?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways primarily deals with development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). Development activities on NH's passing through wild Life Sanctuaries/National Parks are spared and wherever possible a bypass/detour is proposed to have minimum impact of highways on the wildlife habitat. If it is absolutely unavoidable then all necessary clearances required under Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Forest Conversion Act 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986 are obtained before any work is undertaken in such areas and measures are taken as per the manual titled "Eco-Friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wild Life". Due to collision of vehicles to animals 5,902 accidents had occurred in the calendar year 2018.

#### **Introduction of a chapter on road safety**

945. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to request the Ministry of Human Resource Development, to introduce compulsorily a chapter on road safety at the High School level for sensitising students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had taken up the matter of inclusion of road safety in the curriculum of CBSE and in NCERT textbooks of classes 6 to 10 with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

#### **FASTag coverage and collection**

946. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of FASTag coverage and FASTag collection so far, State/UT-wise;