

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-893
ANSWERED ON-14/12/2022

INCREASE IN ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS(NHS)

893. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of road accidents reported on National Highways(NHs) in the State of Maharashtra during last three years and current year;
- (b) whether there is increase in number of road accidents on NHs in the State of Maharashtra during the above period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether NHAI has invited bids from insurance companies for the roll out of cashless treatment scheme for road accidents victims and if so, details thereof; and
- (d) funds transferred by the Central Government for procurement of cranes/ambulances during each of the last five years, State-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) As per the data received from Police department of the State of Maharashtra, the total number of road accidents on National Highways (including expressways) during the last four calendar years are given in the table below : -

Year	Total number of road accidents reported on NHs in Maharashtra
2018	9355
2019	8360
2020	6501
2021	7501

(b) No, Sir.

(c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had invited bids from insurance companies for providing cashless treatment facility with coverage of up to Indian Rupees 30,000/- or 48 hours of hospitalization whichever is exhausted first on Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai, Chennai-Kolkata, Kolkata-Agra, and Agra-Delhi Corridors of Golden Quadrilateral. However, due to extremely high quotes the tender did not materialize. To make the Project more viable for both NHAI and insurance agencies, the bids will be re-invited.

(d) Incident Management is part of the civil works and is included in the estimate of the civil works and maintenance works. Further, the ambulance projects were sanctioned as a whole for the entire Country and State-wise separate funds were not allocated. In this regard, NHAI has sanctioned funds of Rs.395.89 Crore in the last 5 years for deployment of Ambulances through centralised Ambulance Agencies.
