

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4086
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AMBULANCES AND SAFETY SERVICES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

4086. MS IQRA CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ambulances deployed on National Highways (NHs) in the last three years, year-wise;**
- (b) the criteria for deployment of ambulances on National Highways;**
- (c) whether any audits are being conducted to assess the quality of emergency care provided by these ambulances and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety and security of passengers on National Highways?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) Ambulances are deployed as a part of the Incident Management System on the National Highways, which in turn is a part of the Operation & Maintenance executed through the contractors/**

Concessionaires. Number of centralized ambulances deployed in the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Number of Ambulances
1	2021-22	930
2	2022-23	1003
3	2023-24	1074

(b) Ambulances are stationed either at the toll plazas or at locations found suitable. Generally, at least one ambulance is provided on the project highway irrespective of its length and for longer stretches ambulances are generally deployed at an interval of 50-60 km.

(c) The Field Offices as well as the supervision consultants regularly conduct inspection of the availability of equipment as well as manpower in the Ambulances deployed on NH stretches.

(d) (i) Road safety has been integrated into DPR stage itself by means of road safety consultants and road safety auditors.

(ii) Completion of Safety works for issuance of Provisional Completion Certificate has been made mandatory from 22.09.2022.

(iii) Financial powers have been delegated to Regional Officers for construction of FoBs including provisioning of Lifts/Ramps.

(iv) Capacity building on safety measures through training of field officers /Concessionaires / Contractors / Consultants engaged in project works throughout India.

(vii) Pedestrian Markings are marked at median openings and junctions, Footpaths/Walkways constructed in Urban/inhabited areas, and Street lighting in inhabited section of NHs to ensure the safety of pedestrian on NHs.

(viii) Road Safety Week is observed every year for spreading awareness about safer behavior of road users on National Highways wherein the following major activities are carried out for creating awareness and enhancement of Safety of Road users:

- Conducting of Walkathon, Exhibition on Road safety along with Essay writing/Poster making competition/Nukkad Natak and Mass awareness events.**
- Distribution of pamphlets etc. to road users at Toll plazas, wayside amenities, food stall points during the Safety Week.**
- Awareness drives for Road Safety through Flex banners, Workshop, and Discussion.**
- Retro reflective sheeting to avoid rear-end collision and installation of reflectors/retro-reflective tapes on truck, tractor-trolley, animal cart, etc. at toll plazas.**
- Motivation and road side safety awareness programme for school /college students through Quiz competitions, drawing competitions, Essay writing and speech competitions, etc.**
- Special drives to stop overloading along with checking of over-speeding, unauthorized parking, drunk driving, etc. with the help of police department.**
- Health cum Eye Check-up Camp and distribution of eye glasses for truck/bus drivers operating on NHs.**
- Distribution of pamphlets, and the display of safety banners.**
- Checking fatigue of truck drivers and educating them about road safety.**
- Road safety awareness messages on social media, such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook are being spread on regular basis.**
