

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN MUMBAI  
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**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of accidents that occurred on the National Highways in Maharashtra-Mumbai during the last three years and the number of persons injured and killed in these accidents ; and

(b) the steps the Government have taken to prevent road accidents on National Highways in Maharashtra-Mumbai ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) The details of accidents occurred, persons injured and killed on the National Highways in Maharashtra and on roads of Mumbai are as under :

Year	No. of accidents	Persons injured	Persons killed	
Maharashtra	1999	15343	12624	3181
	2000	16150	12266	3445
	2001	14269 (Provisional)	12283 (Provisional)	3318 (Provisional)
Mumbai	1999	25945	6932	428
	2000	26450	7122	449
	2001	26329	6894	543

(b) Government of India has been undertaking a number of engineering and educational measures to prevent road accidents. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents on National Highways are as under :

- (1) Cranes and ambulances are provided to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme.
- (2) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.
- (3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- (4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.
- (5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (6) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.
- (7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.
- (8) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.