

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:232  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2007  
ROAD SAFETY INSTITUTES  
Murmu Shri Hemlal

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are a number of Institutes functioning in the country in the name of road safety as reported in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated July 30, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of such Institutes;
- (c) the details of the road safety initiatives undertaken by these Institutes during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to involve private sector in the work related to road safety;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the effective steps taken by the Government to improve quality of work of these Institutes involved in road safety?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 FOR ANSWER ON 29.8.2007 ASKED BY SHRI AJIT JOGI AND SHRI HEMLAL MURMU REGARDING ROAD SAFETY INSTITUTES.

(a)&(b) The Institutes mentioned in the News Report such as Central Road Research Institute, Central Institute of Road Transport, Vehicle Research and Development Establishment, National School of Planning and Architecture, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences and Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), Pune are not functioning under the administrative control of this Department. Only the National Institute of Highway Engineering is functioning under the administrative control of this department which has been set up to provide training to highway Engineers across the country.

(c) Road Safety has many components which include engineering, enforcement and educational aspects. These institutes are meant for carrying out certain specific activities such as imparting training to Highways Engineer, research work relating to planning & design of National Highways, testing of vehicles as well as their components, which have relevance for road safety. None of the above mentioned institutes can be construed as dedicated road safety institute. Moreover, the association of these institutes and the activities undertaken by them cannot be quantified in terms of their relevance for road safety.

(d)&(e) No Sir, the Government is not considering any plan to involve private sector in the work related to road safety. However, the schemes "Administering Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle Drivers in Un-organized Sector" and "Grants-in-aid for administering Road Safety Programme" are administered through Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/ Institutions/Organizations. The scheme "Setting up of a Training Institute on Driving & Research" is administered either through State Govt. or through NGOs or through public private partnership between State Government and NGOs/ Automobile Manufactures.

(f) As these institutes are not functioning under the administrative control of this Department, no step has been taken by this department to improve quality of work of these institutions.