

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

- (a) whether the accidents on Delhi-Gurgaon NH-8 are very high ;
- (b) if so, the number of accidents and casualties thereof ;
- (c) whether the dense population along the Delhi-Gurgaon stretches of NH-8 is creating problem for the people to cross the roads ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the increasing accidents and also solve the problems being faced by the people ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) As per the report by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), 709 number of road accidents and 47 fatalities have been recorded since 1.1.2007 to 31.7.2007 on Delhi- Gurgaon section of NH 8.

(c)&(d) The accidents and fatalities on roads are dependent on many factors such as number of vehicles on road, road space, speed, different traffic conditions etc including the dense population.

(e) The safety of road users is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, this department has taken several steps to improve road safety for road users which are as under:

- i) It is ensured that road safety is the integral part of road design at the planning stage for National Highways/Expressways.
- ii) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India(NHAI).
- iii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector by Department of Road Transport and highways.
- iv) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and NHAI.
- v) Setting up of Model Driving Training School in the country.
- vi) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.
- vii) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- viii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.
- ix) Providing cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its completed highways under its Operation & Maintenance contracts.
- x) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc. Apart from the above, following measures are being taken by the NHAI on Delhi- Gurgaon section of NH 8 to check the increasing number of accidents and the problem faced by the people:-
 - i) Segregation of slow moving traffic from high speed traffic.
 - ii) Provision of adequate pedestrian crossings.

iii) Provision of fencing work along the median.