

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

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

- (a) the number of people who lost their lives on National Highways due to accident during each of the last three years ;
- (b) the fund allocated during 9th Five Year Plan for road safety programme on National Highways ; (
- (c) whether the amount so allocated remained unspent during Ninth Five Year Plan ; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) As per information available, the total number of persons killed on National Highways in the country due to road accident during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 30216, 30628, and 29031 (provisional) respectively ;
- (b) to (c) Road Safety features are an integral part of road engineering projects/maintenance programmes. It is not possible to quantify the exact amount earmarked for road engineering related Road Safety Programmes on National Highways. Besides, Central Government administers a number of road safety schemes which aim at inculcating an awareness about road safety amongst all road users including those on National Highways and providing assistance for road safety equipment to States/Union Territories. During the 9th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 30.24 crore was spent on this account as against an outlay of Rs. 37.42 crore.
- (d) The non-utilisation of the full outlay was mainly due to non-receipt of proposals from states.