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Title: Need to take steps to curb road accidents in the country.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA) : India has only one percent of the world's vehicles but account for 10 percent of the world's road accidents. More people die in road accidents daily compared to any other crime or law & order problem, but there is no time bound plan to check accidents.

As per the National Crime Record Bureau Report of 2014, in India 387 deaths and 1308 injuries per day are just due to road accidents. Most of the victims of accidents around 60.7% are aged between 15 and 44 years. As per the report of the WHO and Global Road Safety Partnership, driving under the influence of alcohol is responsible for 30 to 50 percent of road deaths.

We are losing our youth in avoidable road accidents. There is an urgent need to check the two major killers "Speed and Drunken Driving" which can be tackle with "Enforcement of Traffic Rules and Awareness amongst the Road Users".

The Government should urgently take steps for the closure of hundreds of Liquor Shops along the Highways and deploy more Traffic Police on our National and State Highways to check over-speeding.