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Title: Regarding steps to curb road accidents in the country -laid.

SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR (HAMIRPUR): Roughly 80,000 people die in road accidents in the country every year, accounting for 13 per cent of such fatalities worldwide. A greater proportion of those injured are higher in number. Underreporting of accidents also occur.

According to data, 60% of casualties are within the age group of 18-35. There needs to be greater intervention by the Government on this aspect.

Licenses are issued for a long period of time. To ensure safety, drivers must be made to undergo basic medical check up every five years to prove their capability to drive. Additionally, children are also at most risk when it comes to road safety. Awareness building on road safety and traffic rules must be inculcated within children right from a young age by ensuring that a chapter on road safety must be included in the school curriculum.