

Road Accidents due to Potholes

Data on road crashes is reported by police Head Quarters of various States and UTs and Million Plus Cities in India to Transport Research Wing (TRW) of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through a prescribed format devised under Asia Pacific Road Accident Data (APRAD), project of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). However, in order to capture more reliable and accurate data, the road crashes data recording and reporting formats have been revised recently and to be used by the Police Departments of all States and UTs.

According to information reported by police department of all States and Union Territories, total number of road accidents due to potholes for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 were as under:

Years	Road Accidents due to Potholes
2013	9,699
2014	11,106
2015	10,876

Repair and maintenance of National Highways including repair of potholes is a continuous activity. Funds available for maintenance & repairs of National Highways are of the order of 40% of the requirements as per the norms. NHs are maintained to keep the roads in safe and traffic worthy condition within the availability of resources.

Improvement works on National Highways are executed as per relevant Indian Roads Congress (IRC) codes, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways specifications and guidelines. In case of deficiencies in the design, execution and maintenance of National Highways appropriate actions are taken against the concerned as per the contract conditions and departmental procedures.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Mansukh L. Mandavia in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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