

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3721

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05th APRIL, 2017 / CHAITRA 15, 1939 (SAKA)

HARSHER PUNISHMENT IN CASES OF DRUNK AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING

†3721. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has given suggestion to the Central Government to make the punishment stringent in cases of drunk, negligent and rash driving to curb the rising road accidents;
- (b) whether the Court has also suggested that the provision for punishment of two years under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Section 304-A of IPC is quite less;
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (d) by when necessary law would be enacted in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d): The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture in its report has recommended for amendments to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) to include deaths due to drunken driving as culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Further, the Law Commission of India in its 234th Report - Legal Reforms to Combat Road Accidents, has also recommended to insert a new section for causing death or injury by rash and negligent driving in the Indian Penal Code. Further, amendments to Cr.P.C. is an ongoing and continuous process based on Law Commission reports, or otherwise, through a consultative mechanism.