

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Ambulance and Cranes under Road Safety Programmes

2421. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has any provision of ambulance and cranes, under Road Safety Programmes to provide relief services to accidental victims at National Highways, across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds provided, Statewise to the NGOs under the scheme during the last three years;
- (d) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to evaluate the performance of the NGOs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TUSHAR BHAI CHAUDHARY) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme" (NHARSS), has been providing ambulances and cranes to States/UTs/NGOs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of road accidents by way of evacuating road accident victims to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site. So far, 347 Ten ton cranes, 106 small/medium size cranes and 509 ambulances have been provided under the scheme. Further, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways would provide 140 advanced life support ambulances to 140 identified hospitals to be upgraded under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Scheme 'establishment of an integrated network of Trauma Centres' along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the National Highways by upgrading the trauma care facilities in 140 identified State Government hospitals. 70 ambulances have already been provided.

In addition, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) also provides ambulances at an average of 50 km stretch of National Highways entrusted to them and cranes are deployed at every Toll Plaza.

(c) to (e) No fund was provided to the NGOs under the scheme during the last three years. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways provides 10-ton cranes, small/medium cranes for hilly areas and ambulances to the States/UTs. Their deployment and monitoring is done by the respective State Governments/UTs at strategic places along National Highways.