

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 269
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025

POLICY FOR VEHICLES NOT MEETING SAFETY STANDARDS

269. SHRI ARUP CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain deaths in road accidents involving four-wheeler vehicles which do not meet safety standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has developed a mandatory recall policy for vehicles which do not meet safety standards;
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number and details of vehicles recalled by automobile manufacturers for safety defects in the country during the last three years?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a) & (b): Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (CMVR) provides that every manufacturer or importer of Motor Vehicle has to submit the prototype of the vehicle (to be manufactured or imported by) for test by the testing agencies specified under the Rules for granting a certificate by that agency to the compliance of provisions of the Act and Rules under CMVR, 1989.

Further, based on the data received from Police Department of States/ UTs, Ministry publishes the Annual report titled "Road Accidents in India".

The analysis of data from States/UTs reveals that the road accidents occur due to multiple causes such as over speeding, use of mobile phone, drunken driving/consumption of alcohol and drug, driving on wrong side/ lane indiscipline, jumping red light, non-use of safety devices such as helmets and seat belts, vehicular condition, weather condition, road condition, fault of driver/cyclist/ pedestrian etc.

(c) & (d): Section 110A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, is related to the recall of motor vehicles. It empowers the Central Government to direct a manufacturer to recall motor vehicles of a particular type or its variants. Accordingly, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide G.S.R. 173(E) dated 11th March, 2021 has inserted a new rule 127C in Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, which prescribes the procedure for recall of defective motor vehicles and recall notice.

(e): As per data maintained by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), under the Voluntary Recall Code of SIAM, the total number, with class/type of vehicles recalled in the country due to safety defects during the last three years and the current year, are as under:-

S. No	Year	2 Wheeler	Passenger Car	Total no. of Motor Vehicles
1	2022	1,94,397	94,368	2,88,765
2	2023	1,57,820	1,27,086	2,84,906
3	2024	8,33,476	30,875	8,64,351
4	2025(Up to 26 th November 2025)	5,918	1,13,255	1,19,173
	Grand Total	11,91,611	3,65,584	15,57,195
