

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 3014
ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2026**

SCHEMES FOR ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS

3014. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Central schemes for road accident victims in the country;**
- (b) the details of the compensation and medical assistance provided under these schemes;**
- (c) the number of road accident victims benefited under these schemes in the Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency;**
- (d) the details of the issues being faced in the disbursement of compensation to such victims in the country; and**
- (e) the impact of these schemes on providing assistance to road accident victims?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) and (b) The Central Government has put in place the following schemes for providing emergency medical care through cashless**

treatment of road accident victims and compensation to victims of hit & run motor accidents:

(i) Prime Minister Road Accident Victims' Hospitalisation and Assured Treatment (PM-RAHAT) Scheme: Introduced in accordance with the legal mandate under Section 162 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims scheme provides treatment cover upto ₹1.5 lakh per victim, subject to a maximum cap of 7 days from the date of accident on any category of road. Further, the treatment cover will be available to all those victims who are involved in road accidents caused by use of motor vehicles.

(ii) Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022: As per Section 161 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the Central Government is required to provide compensation in respect of death or grievous hurt resulting from hit-and-run motor accidents. Accordingly, the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022 was notified vide G.S.R. 163(E) and is being implemented with effect from 01.04.2022. Under the Scheme, a fixed compensation of Rs. 2 lakh is provided in case of death and Rs. 50,000 in case of grievous hurt.

(c) As on 31.07.2026, the following is the status of beneficiaries in the Shahjahanpur Parliamentary Constituency:

Under the PM-RAHAT Scheme, 1 road accident victim has been registered for treatment. The corresponding eDAR request was approved by the police, making the victim eligible for full treatment coverage in accordance with the Scheme provisions.

Under the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022, 2 claims have been received and settled.

(d) Time-bound procedures and clearly defined responsibilities have been prescribed under the respective Schemes to minimise delays in the provision of treatment, processing of claims and disbursement of compensation:

Under the PM-RAHAT Scheme, treatment is initiated upon admission and police authentication is undertaken in parallel through the

integrated Transaction Management System (TMS) portal of National Health Authority (NHA) and Electronic Detailed Accident Report (eDAR) portal. After discharge, the hospital submits its claim to the State Health Agency for verification and approval. To ensure timely payments to the hospitals, a period of 10 days has been defined from the claim being approved by SHA for District Collectors or GI council to make the payments, as the case maybe. Beyond the prescribed time, the claim shall be deemed approved. The end-to-end digital workflow provides a complete trail from accident reporting and treatment to claim approval and final payment.

Similarly, the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022 provides a time-bound process for settlement of claims. The Claims Enquiry Officer is required to submit the enquiry report within one month of receipt of the application, the Claims Settlement Commissioner is required to sanction the claim within 15 days of receiving the report, and the General Insurance Council (GIC) is required to transfer the compensation to the claimant within a further period of 15 days.

(e) The PM-RAHAT Scheme is formulated to achieve the objective of reducing fatalities and provide financial certainty to the hospitals ensuring non-denial of treatment to road accident victims. Integration of Emergency Response Support System (ERSS - 112), accident reporting mechanism for police (eDAR) and the designated hospital network (TMS 2.0) facilitates ambulance support, identification of the nearest designated hospital, prompt initiation of treatment, parallel police authentication and direct reimbursement to hospitals.

The Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022 provides fixed financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh in case of death and Rs. 50,000 in case of grievous hurt, where the offending vehicle cannot be identified. The prescribed time-bound claims process, along with digital processing, eDAR linkage and monitoring through the District Road Safety Committees and State Road Safety Councils, supports transparent and timely disbursement to eligible claimants.

The Government has instituted the Rah-Veer Scheme to encourage citizens to assist victims of serious road accidents during the Golden Hour. The Scheme operates along with the protections provided to Good Samaritans under Section 134A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Good Samaritan Rules notified vide G.S.R. 594(E) dated 29.09.2020. Any individual who has assisted a victim of a serious accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing the victim to a Hospital/Trauma Care Centre within the Golden Hour of the accident for medical treatment is eligible for a cash reward of Rs. 25,000 per incident, along with a Certificate of Appreciation, subject to the provisions of the Scheme.

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