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RAJYA SABHA
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Trucks with air conditioned cabins for drivers

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- (a) whether new trucks manufactured after the 1st April, 2017 will have to be provided with air conditioned cabins for drivers;
- (b) whether this was notified, explaining that drivers should not get tired owing to the harsh conditions;
- (c) whether trucks were responsible for about 11.5 per cent of the total 1.4 lakh road deaths in 2015 and similarly buses were involved in 10,745 deaths last year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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(a) & (b) The Central Government notified G.S.R 1034(E) dated 02nd November, 2016, with effect from 01st day of April, 2017 mandated all goods vehicles of Category N2 and of Category N3, to be fitted with an air conditioning system for the cabin. Implementation date has been extended to 31st December, 2017 vide S.O 2056(E) dated 30.06.2017.

(c) & (d) As per the data reported by Police Department of all States/UT"s during the calendar year 2015, Trucks, Tempos, MAV and Tractors caused 98,897(19.7%) road accidents and resulted in 37,458 (25.6%) deaths. Buses caused 41,832 (8.3%) road accidents and resulted in 12,133 (8.3%) deaths.

However, in terms of road users killed in road accidents during the calendar year 2015, the share of users of trucks and buses were 16,611 (11.4%) and 10743 (7.4%) respectively out of 1,46,133 number of total road accident deaths in the country.
