

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2015

Air Bags in Cars

3233. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide air bags in the cars keeping in view the increasing incidents of road accidents in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the customers have to pay additional charges for the said facility;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

- (a) & (b): The Car manufacturers in India provide various safety features in a vehicle. Vehicles manufactured presently are much safer. One of the essential and primary safety requirement is seat belt. They are now being provided on mandatory basis by all manufacturers. Similarly, secondary restraint systems, such as airbags are also available in many vehicles models.
- (c)&(d): There are many car models that have airbags as a general feature along with the others, the cost of which is included in the total price of the car.
- (e): The government plans to introduce mandatory Crash Regulations by the year 2017 for new models in the country, after the test facilities are developed within the country.
