

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

Provision of air bags in car

205. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry in view of the driver/passenger safety considers making it mandatory for provision of air bags in every car that is manufactured in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the matter would be taken up with the Car Manufacturers Association in view of the driver/ passenger safety measure; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Airbags are not mandatory in countries worldwide but are used for meeting crash regulations. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has already notified crash regulations for new vehicles from 1st April 2017. The offset crash regulations would necessitate passenger cars to have airbags to enable them meet the requirements laid down by the ministry.
