

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF AYURVEDIC TREES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to start the plantation of Ratan Jot/Ayurvedic trees on the waste land on both sides of the railway lines throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) the amount likely to be allotted by the Government for the implementation of this scheme; and
- (d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a) & (b) : Railways have taken up plantation of 'Jatropha Curcas' (Ratanjot) on railway land on a large scale from the year 2003-04 onwards. During 2003-04, 24 lakh Jatropha have been planted on railway land. Another 57 lakh trees have been planned for the current year 2004-05. Instructions have also been given to plant medicinal/Ayurvedic plants wherever suitable & feasible by Zonal railways.

(c) : An amount of Rs.26.85 crore has been allotted for 'Trees, plantation, nurseries etc including this scheme, in Revised Estimates 2004-05. In Budget Estimates 2005-06, this amount stands at Rs.29.69 crore.

(d): Does not arise.