

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF TREES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any policy for tree plantation at sides of National Highways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of trees felled/planted during the construction projects for highways in the country during the last three years and current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The Central Government while according approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land required for construction/ upgradation of road projects, including the National Highways projects, stipulates a condition that strip plantation shall be raised on sides and central verge of the road.

(c) State-wise details of the total number of trees felled/planted during the construction projects for highways in the country are generally not compiled at the Central Government level and such details are maintained at the level of concerned State/Union Territory Government.