

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF TREES ALONG NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for plantation of trees along the National Highways (NHs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether plantation of trees along NHs and their maintenance is being undertaken on contract basis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, NH-wise particularly in Rajasthan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) The Government has a policy for plantation of trees along the National Highways, which includes guidelines on location of trees, their removal and re-plantation, selection of species, typical arrangement, set-back of trees on curves, maintenance and cutting of trees, landscaping of bridge approaches etc. In addition, the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) has also formulated guidelines for tree plantation along National Highways which are published as IRC:SP:21:2009.

(c) & (d) The plantation of trees along National Highways and their maintenance is generally done through Forest Department. However for plantation and maintenance of shrubs and flowering plants in the medians of four/six laning projects of National Highways, guidelines have also been issued by the Ministry for taking up this work through voluntary bodies / public sector undertakings / reputed private companies. The details in respect of Rajasthan are enclosed as Annexure-I.