

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK LOAN FOR HIGHWAY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds/loans made available from the World Bank for the third National Highway Project under the National Highways Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the terms and conditions of such loans;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to undertake the plantation of trees along the National Highways within this loan amount; and
- (e) if so, the amount earmarked for the plantation out of the total loan disbursed/sanctioned by the World Bank?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Government of India has received a loan from the World Bank namely Loan No. 4559-IN TNHP (Third National Highway Project) for widening and strengthening of 477.35 km of National Highway (NH-2) passing through the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. The original loan amount was US\$ 516 million and the same had been revised to US\$ 407.79 million, as per actual construction cost of the project with concurrence of the World Bank. The loan has been closed on 31.12.2007.

(c) The World Bank loan component shares 80% of the cost of civil works and 100% of the supervision consultancy charges as well as cost for Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R). Other general terms and conditions of the loan are governed as per the existing guidelines of the World Bank.

(d)&(e) There is no exclusive provision for tree plantation along the National Highways in World Bank loan. However, an amount of Rs.12.48 crore has been deposited with the Forest Department for carrying out compensatory afforestation as a statutory requirement. Further, the plantation along the 4-lane National Highways has been postponed due to proposal for its widening to six-lane.