

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to undertake plantation worth crores along the national highways of the country; and
- (b) if so, the extent to which the said project is likely to help in creation of employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has informed that Central Government has a policy to plant trees along the National Highways (NHs). Accordingly, the State Governments have been requested to undertake plantation of trees on the National Highways on a large scale, in coordination with the State Forest Departments.

In addition, Public Sector Corporations/ reputed Private Companies/ voluntary organization are also permitted to develop and maintain plantation in vacant National Highways land for beautification and prevention of encroachment.

The Ministry of Rural Development has informed that they have received a proposal from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to plant 13.65 lakh trees involving local community along 3,405.88 Kms. length of the National Highways. These initiatives are likely to generate employment opportunities.