

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*141**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/03/2021

**PLANTATION ALONG THE NHs**

**\*141. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory to develop a green belt or plantation by a highway construction company/agency/department in a specified area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria set for the purpose;
- (c) the details of green belt areas, developed as per rules/ criteria on National Highways (NHs) constructed between Sawai Madhopur-Lalsot-Dausa-Manoharpur in Rajasthan and other NHs of the State;
- (d) whether Government proposes to develop a green belt in the near future in all the Highways especially in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of plan outlay and procedure for such proposals?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

- (a) to (e) A STATEMENT is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) to (b) The Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy 2015 has been promulgated to cover available surplus land of Highways RoW (Right of Way) with plantations by implementation agencies viz. highways construction company or other plantation agency/department depending upon the mode of project. As per IRC guidelines IRC SP:21-2009, plant to plant distance specified for median is 3 X 3 meters. Plant to Plant distance for 1<sup>st</sup> row of avenue is 3 meters, 2<sup>nd</sup> row is 6 meters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> row is 8-12 meters, Row to Row distance specified is 3 meters.

(c) In Dausa-Lalsot-Kothoon section of NH-11A Extn., 12000 number of plants have been planted in median as per the Concession Agreement.

Manoharpur-Dausa Section of NH-11 A (New NH-148) does not have provision of plantation work in its Contract Agreement. So, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan for planting 21800 number of avenue plants in 46 Km. length of project highway in Jaipur District.

The stretch Sawai Madhopur to Lalsot is under the jurisdiction of Rajasthan State Public Works Department (PWD).

(d) to (e) Government has promulgated the development of green belt on RoW land of all National Highways as per the Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy 2015. The Plantation Action Plan of NHAI for green belt development on RoW of about 38,000 kilometers National Highways in 2021-22 includes plantation of 1.15 Crore saplings including 0.33 Crore saplings in states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

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