

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2656

ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2024

GREEN HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE

2656. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether Karnataka has been included in the Green Highways project, if so, stretches that are being prioritized;
- (b) the specific plans for planting and maintaining greenery along highways to offset carbon emissions; and
- (c) funds allocated for the creation of eco-friendly rest stops and renewable energy sources along these highways?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) & (b) Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification & Maintenance), Policy-2015 was issued in 2015. As per the policy, plantations are carried out along available surplus median and roadside land of Right Of Way. The avenue and median plantations are being taken up as per Annual Plantation Action Plan in conformity with Indian Road Congress Guidelines. This Policy is applicable all over India including Karnataka. Government has planted 2.79 lakh plants in Karnataka on National Highways this year.

(c) No separate fund has been allocated for creation of eco friendly rest stops. However, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has incorporated the provision for the construction of rest areas in concession agreement of the highway projects based on the availability of Land. Further, the EV charging unit has been provided within the wayside amenity in Nelamangala – Tumkur Section of NH-48 which is operational.
