

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1698
ANSWERED ON-15/03/2023

GREEN HIGHWAY MISSION

1698. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the progress made by the National Green Highway Mission, how many trees have been planted till date since the start of the scheme;
- (b) total funds utilised for the purpose of greening the Highways;
- (c) total jobs created by the National Green Highway Mission (NGHM); and
- (d) whether the Ministry plans to extend the scheme to all national Highways, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways had promulgated Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification & Maintenance) Policy – 2015 for development of green corridors along National Highways in the country. Since the promulgation of this policy, National Highways Authority of India has planted 344.27 lakh trees from 2016 to February, 2023.

(b) & (c) Most of the plantations on National Highways are part of overall Highways Development projects being executed by the concessionaires. The funds required for plantations are not earmarked separately in the Concession Agreement. Hence, the information on funds utilized on plantations and the jobs created with these funds is not maintained separately for plantation works.

(d) According to Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy – 2015 mandate, all National Highways are covered under plantation programme on available leftover area/space of Right of Way land after construction of National Highways.
