

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2340
ANSWERED ON-09/08/2023

EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE NATIONAL GREEN HIGHWAYS CORRIDOR PROJECT

2340. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of Road Transport and Highways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government aims to provide employment opportunities to women-led micro enterprises through the Green Highways Corridor Project launched in 2020;
- (b) details of the total number of women-led micro enterprises under the ambit of the project in the proposed States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) details of the total number of SC/ST women-led micro enterprises under the ambit of the project in the aforementioned States;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study on gender issues in public transport, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (e) The objective of Green National Highways Corridor Project (GNHCP) is to demonstrate safe and green national highways corridors in selected States and enhance the institutional capacity of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in mainstreaming safety and green technologies. The project includes upgradation of about 781 km length of various National Highways passing through the States of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The key aspect of the project is to focus on climate resilience, limiting the use of natural resources for road construction by use of local, marginal materials, plastic waste and fly ash as well as adoption of environment sustainable green technologies for design of pavements and embankments. The GNHCP would indirectly create job opportunities for local people.

GNHCP also includes prioritizing training and employment of women-led micro-enterprises and women collectives in implementation of green technologies such as tree and shrub plantation, bio-engineering, geo-synthetic etc. during upgradation and maintenance of roads. Study on gender issues in public transport is also part of GNHCP for project specific areas. The works under GNHCP are at various stages of implementation.
