

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681
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TREE SAPLINGS

1681. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that 90 per cent of tree saplings planted along the roads and highways do not survive due to lack of proper care and maintenance mechanism; and

(b) if so, the mechanism Government is likely to introduce for their care and maintenance to increase their survival rate?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) and (b) Except for rare incidences of unprecedented climatic extremities like severe drought or flash floods, such high casualties are generally not encountered in roadside plantations. However, casualties in plantations during the initial years are common; and provisions for replacement of casualties by way of repeated re-planting are part of all plantation programmes. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has also launched the Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification, & Maintenance) Policy, 2015 to promote greening of Highway corridors with participation of the community, farmers, private sector, NGOs, and government institutions. This will also strengthen the monitoring of plantations on National Highways.
