

C GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6428**  
ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018

**TREE PLANTATION ALONG NHS**

6428. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of trees cut down for widening of National Highways (NHs) in the country;
- (b) whether it is mandatory/policy to plant sufficient trees along the newly constructed NHs as part of the fulfillment of the projected road works, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the planting of trees along the newly constructed NHs in Assam has not been done so far; and
- (d) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government against those road construction companies which do not plant trees as per the Government policy?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) Trees are cut for providing space for widening of National Highways under different statutory conditions and by different agencies including the Forest Dept depending on requirement of site. Information regarding tree cutting is not compiled by National Highways Authority of India.
- (b) Yes, Madam. The Ministry has promulgated Green Highways (Plantations, Transplantations, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy 2015 to develop

green corridors along National Highways for sustainable environment and inclusive growth. Tree planting is also generally a part of the project specific conditions stipulated by the Statutory authorities while granting clearances to a project. The Right of Way (ROW) of highway section is provided with median plantation and avenue plantations as per availability of clear space.

(c) and (d) Tree planting is an ongoing activity and is done as per the availability and requirement of site. In Assam so far 84,981 trees have been planted on the avenues and the medians by National Highways Authority of India. Median Plantation and Avenue Plantation are done by the contractors as per provisions of the Contract Agreement and defaults, if any, are dealt as per provisions of the Contract Agreement.

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