

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

Pruning of Trees along with Roads

4368. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for timely pruning of trees along the roads to prevent road accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to plant trees at some distance from the roads to prevent road accidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) to (b) Since forest and trees are managed by the States/Union Territories, responsibility of day-to-day maintenance including pruning of trees along the state highways and other roads lies with the respective State/UT Government. For the national highways, pruning of road-side trees is being carried out as per the IRC Guidelines.
- (c) to (d) Green Highways (Plantation & Maintenance) Policy, 2015 of Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways provides a policy framework for plantation along roads. It provides for plantation of adequate space keeping in mind safety hazard as well as natural growth of the plants.

The policy provides for various plantation schemes viz. tree planting along highways and median plantation. Small height trees are planted in first row with adequate spacing and 3m away from the toe of embankment.
