

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2680
ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2022**

PLANTATION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

2680. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan for plantation on a large scale along the National Highways(NHs) particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the quantum of funds spent thereon during the last financial year;

(c) the details of the Highways in the State of Bihar identified for such plantation plan;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to expand the forest cover in the country by such plantation along NHs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways has promulgated Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy-2015 with the aim to develop Green Corridor on all National Highways including Bihar.

The plantation activities are integral part of highway construction projects and the funds for plantation are not earmarked separately for projects in which plantation is part of Concession Agreement. For other plantation projects, funds have been allocated and released to Government Departments based on their estimate and to other Agencies based on the approved tender.

(c) Details of Highways identified for such plantations in financial year 2020-21 are as follows:

- 1. Muzaffarpur-Sonbarsa (NH-77)**
- 2. Muzaffarpur-Barauni (NH-28)**
- 3. Patna-Bakhtiyarpur section of NH-30**
- 4. Chhapra-Gopalganj (NH-85)**
- 5. Muzaffarpur-Purnea (NH-27)**
- 6. Muzaffarpur-Siwan-Gopalganj (NH-28)**
- 7. Purnea-Gayakota section of NH-31**
- 8. Piparkothi-Motihari-Raxaul section of NH-28A**
- 9. Forbesganj-Simrahi section of NH- 57**
- 10. Chhapra-Hajipur section of NH-19**
- 11.Devapur to Kotwa section of NH-28**

(d) to (e) The plantation along National Highways is accounted for Tree Outside Forest (TOF) category of forest cover in the country. National Forest Policy of India, 1988 envisages to expand forest cover to 33% of geographical area of the country and plantation along National Highways (NHs) is carried out as per provisions of Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification and Maintenance) Policy- 2015.
