

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1995
ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2022**

TREE PLANTATION ALONG NHs

**1995. SHRI SHA.BRA.DR.JAI SIDDESHWAR SHIVACHARYA
MAHASWAMIJI:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees planted along the National Highways (NHs) during the last three years and the current year in the country especially in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government proposes to plant adequate number of trees along the NHs during the next three years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any plan to involve Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for nurturing these planted saplings to increase their survival rate and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/ being taken by the Government against the road construction companies which do not plant adequate number of trees as per the Government policy?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

(a) The total number of plants planted along the National Highways during the last three years and in current year (upto 17th July, 2022) is 182.53 lakhs and the number of plants planted in Maharashtra State is 18.14 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir. Adequate number of plants are being planted as per the availability of space in Right of Way following the guidelines of Indian Roads Congress. The number of plants to be planted under Annual Plantation Action Plan of year 2022-23 is 75.50 lakhs.

(c) The plantation projects are awarded through e-tender process. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) may also participate in plantation tender process along with other plantation agencies.

(d) The action is taken on defaulting construction companies which do not plant required number of saplings as per the Concession Agreement.
