

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516

ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2025

PLANTATION ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

516. SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running a plan to plant trees on both the sides of newly constructed and upgraded national highways in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of the number and species of trees planted on national highways in Rajasthan, including Bhilwara, during the last three years, year-wise and species-wise; and**
- (d) whether the Government plans to carry out tree plantation while converting four-lane roads into six-lane roads and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) Yes Sir, the Government is actively implementing a tree plantation program under the Green Highways Policy-2015. Annual Plantation Action Plans are formulated and implemented every year since the enunciation of Green Highways Policy -2015.

(b) Since 2015, 472.26 lakh saplings have been planted till 31st December 2024 along the highways throughout the country. Year-wise achievements of greening the highways are as follows:

Year	Total Plantation Progress (2015-16 to 2024-25, till 31st Dec.2024) (No. of Plants in Avenue & Median Plantation in Lakh)
2015-16 to 2017-18	76.27
2018-19	31.27
2019-20	36.28
2020-21	59.11
2021-22	72.35
2022-23	71.91
2023-24	58.64
2024-25	66.43
Total	472.26

(c) The plantation details for Rajasthan, including Bhilwara, during the last three years, year-wise are:

Year	Total plantation done (Avenue and Median) (numbers of plants in lakh.)
2024-25 (till 31.12.2024)	4.19
2023-24	8.10
2022-23	12.46
Total	24.75

The species planted are selected as mentioned in IRC:SP:21-2009 “Guidelines on Landscaping and Tree Plantation”. In Rajasthan species like Neem, Palas, Amaltash, Sheesham, Peepal, Bargad, Pakur, Bakain, Imli etc. have been taken up for planting.

(d) Green Highways Policy 2015, covers all highways irrespective of number of lanes, subject to availability of suitable area in the Right of Way (RoW).
