

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 344**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

**Forest Clearance to Road Projects**

344\*. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA.

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

- (a) whether construction of Mandla-Harsa-Bagonha road, Ajaygarh-Ajaypar road, Amanganj-Madayyan road and on NH-75 Harsa turn to Saliya stretch road is pending due to lack of clearance by the Forest Department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to expedite clearance of the said project;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to exclude various villages of Panna district from Panna Tiger Reserve territory to improve connectivity and civic facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 344 to be answered on 18.08.2025 on “Forest Clearance to Road Projects” by Shri Vishnu Datt Sharma**

- (a) & (b) As per information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the proposal for seeking use of forest land for construction of Mandla-Harsa-Bagonha road in the State of Madhya Pradesh has not been received by the State Forest Department.

As regards to the construction of Ajaygarh-Ajaypal road, in Panna District a proposal for seeking wildlife clearance has been submitted by the State Government for consideration of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SC NBWL).

Further, the proposal for construction of the Amanganj-Madayyan road in Panna District has not been received by the State Forest Department. However a proposal for construction of a road from Gudalha to Madayyan passing through the Panna Tiger Reserve was considered by the SC NBWL on its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, which decided not to approve the proposal.

The proposal for construction of a road from NH-75 Harsa to Salaiya, passing through the core zone of Panna Tiger Reserve was considered by the SCNBWL on its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, which decided not to approve the proposal.

- (c) & (d) As reported by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the villages Lalar and Jardhoba are located within the boundary of the buffer zone of Panna Tiger Reserve. However, currently there is no proposal for relocation of these villages from Panna tiger reserve.

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