

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4578
ANSWERED ON 19th MARCH, 2026**

TREE PLANTATION DRIVES ALONG NHs

**4578. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:**

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' initiative along with the number of trees planted so far under the said initiative particularly in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether special tree plantation drives have been carried out recently along the major economic corridors (like Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, Bhopal-Indore Corridor etc.) passing through Madhya Pradesh and the Surat-Chennai Economic Corridor, the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway (Maharashtra section) and the Kalyan-Nirmal Highway (NH-61) passing through Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof along with the number of plants planted along the said corridors; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to institutionalise these types of green initiatives and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' is a nationwide campaign led by Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change to inspire people to plant a tree to promote environmental consciousness. The main objectives of the campaign are to increase green cover, combat climate change and foster ecological restoration by inspiring individuals to connect emotionally with tree plantation, ensuring long term care and survival. During this initiative, about 58.13 lakh trees have been planted by the Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways under this campaign, including about 5.03 lakh trees in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 3.29 lakh trees in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) The Government through its implementing agencies, has actively conducted plantation drives as part of the Annual Plantation Action Plan and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' campaign along major economic corridors passing through Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra, including the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, Bhopal-Indore Corridor, Surat-Chennai Economic Corridor etc. During the year 2025-26, approximately 5.03 lakh saplings have been planted in Madhya Pradesh & approximately 3.29 lakh saplings have been planted in Maharashtra to enhance green cover and ecological balance in Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra including along these corridors.

(c) Government has already institutionalized green initiatives through various policies and programmes to ensure sustained environmental safeguards along the National Highways. The Green Highways (Plantation, Transplantation, Beautification & Maintenance) Policy, 2015 mandates plantation and maintenance of roadside trees, involving stakeholders such as private sectors, local communities, and State governments. Annual plantation targets are set under the Annual Plantation Action Plan, aligned with national campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'.
