

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to plant on either side of National Highways different ayurvedic trees in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) Government has a policy for the plantation of trees including trees of ayurvedic medicinal value along the National Highways. The provisions for plantation of trees are made as a part of various projects for development of National Highways.

Avenue plantation is being contemplated on either side of National Highways in the State of Gujarat. The main objective envisaged in the policy for avenue plantation is enhancing the aesthetic quality of the National Highways. The species for avenue plantation are being selected on the basis of agro-climate conditions, which also include some species having medicinal value.

- (c) Does not arise.