

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:197

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2005

PLANTATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the feasibility of plantation of medicinal plants along the national Highways;
- (b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report on the subject;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of The House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 FOR ANSWER ON 06.12.2005 REGARDING PLANTATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ASKED BY DR. M. JAGANNATH.

(a) to (d) A Core Group was constituted by the National Medicinal Plant Board, for finalization of an Action Plan for plantation of medicinal plants along the National Highways. The Core Group decided that instead of formulating an Action Plan for medicinal plants, it would be appropriate to have generic guidelines on plantations along the National Highways. The Core Group also agreed that plantation and commercial exploitation of medicinal plants is not advisable along the Highways.