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2000 saplings planted on Dhanbad road

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Figure 1Workers carry out a repair work on Bank Mor-Jharia Road on Monday.

The Dhanbad forest department has planted 2000 saplings in lieu of 417 trees uprooted during the construction of the 5.5 km Barwaddah Sindri road.

Land search is on for carrying out plantation work for trees uprooted during the broadening of the 25.71 km Bank More Sindri road and Govindpur Mahuda road.

"The plantation work for the City Center Barwaddah road has been carried out near apki road area, Jagjivan Nagar, police line area etc," said Dhanbad forest officer Bimal Lakra to The Telegraph Online.

The plantation work is generally carried out by the agency involved in the construction work. However, as the agencies concerned like the State Highway Authority of India and Road Construction Department lacked the expertise, the responsibility was given to the forest department.

The number of trees to be planted is decided by a committee of the high court.

"Finding vacant space within the town for carrying out plantation is a difficult job as sometimes there is no space left for carrying out plantation besides the roads," Lakra said.

At present, the department is grappling with lack of space in connection with plantation for Jharia Dhanbad and Govindpur Mahto roads.

"As the cost of plantation work to be carried out by the concerned road construction agency is also to be borne by the same agency so we initially faced problems in fund transfer for carrying out the plantation as we have to also submit a report of fund transaction to Account General office but later a solution was found out and as a PL account was created for fund transfer and we are using the fund deposited in PL account" explained Lakra.

At present, plantation work is being carried out for the trees uprooted during the construction of the 19 km Kakomath road.

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