

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4034
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REGULATIONS TO PREVENT UPROOTING OF TREES

4034. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued regulations to prevent uprooting of trees along the National Highways (NHs) while expanding and laying of new roads in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted survey regarding uprooting of trees along NHs during execution of new projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) While deciding the road alignment, efforts are made to avoid National Park and Wild Life Sanctuary, even if it requires taking a longer route / bypass. The alignment is also finalized duly accounting the various factors such as social, economical and environmental. However, there may be certain situations where grown up trees have to be necessarily cut to accommodate widening / expansion of National Highways. Where necessary, remedial measures to protect the environment are taken up as per the Indian Road Congress Special Publication No. 21-2009- 'Guidelines on Landscaping and Tree Plantation' including transplantation of trees at suitable locations. For this purpose, a detailed survey of the trees to be cut for development / expansion of National Highways is carried out as a part of Detailed Project Report and statutory clearances from all authorities including forest department are also obtained.
