

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3831
ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2021**

CUTTING OF TREES ALONG NHs

3831. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees cut down during the construction of Bilaspur-Raipur and Bilaspur-Mungeli-Podi National Highways (NHs) alongwith the number of trees planted in lieu thereof till now;

(b) whether complaints have been received against cutting of trees without permission on both the said NHs;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against those found guilty;

(d) whether complaints have been received regarding the poor quality in the construction of both the NHs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against those found guilty?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) The details of trees cut down and trees planted in Raipur-Bilaspur Section are as under:

S. No.	Project Name	No. of tree cut down	No. of trees planted (Avenue)
1	Raipur-Simga	3367	31255
2	Simga-Sargaon	4028	40000
3	Sargaon-Bilaspur	1090	10880

In respect of Bilaspur-Mungeli-Podi Road (NH-130A), 2077 number of trees have been cut down. The tree plantation in lieu thereof has been taken up by forest department of State Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) to (e) The construction work is done as per the Manual & Codes of the Indian Road Congress. However, some complaints were received for Raipur-Bilaspur section of NH-200 (New NH-30 and 130) regarding cracks and quality of roads. Defects have been rectified by the contractor at his own cost as the projects are either in construction stage or under Defect Liability Period (DLP). Moreover, cure period notices have also been issued to the contractors of Simga-Sargaon and Sargaon-Bilaspur sections.
