

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 206  
ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

**TREES CUT DOWN DUE TO EXPANSION OF NH-530B**

**206. SHRI DEVESH SHAKYA:**

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large number of mature trees are being cut down because of the construction/expansion of National Highway-530B passing through Kasganj, Budaun, Bareilly, Aonla and Etah Parliamentary Constituencies of Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details of number of trees cut down so far under the said project along with the number of trees planted in their place, State-wise;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that often only small saplings are planted in the name of compensatory afforestation having carbon sequestration capacity significantly lower than that of mature trees, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the policies/guidelines issued by the Government to ensure the plantation of trees with high carbon absorption capacity, long lifespan and high survival rates in proportion to the number of cut down trees?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

**(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)**

**(a) to (d) NH-530B is being widened to four lanes under different packages. In the proposed widening, a total of 33,035 trees have been identified for felling. Permission for cutting these trees has been obtained from the Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deposited the amount demanded by the Forest Department**

**towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and Net Present Value (NPV). The compensatory afforestation shall be carried out by the Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, avenue plantation along the highway corridor shall be undertaken by NHAI, along the available Right of Way and medians of National Highways, wherever feasible, with emphasis on native species having high survival rate and carbon absorption capacity.**

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