

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.536**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

**NOC for golden quadrilateral in Jhansi and Lalitpur**

536. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the area of conserved and reserved forest land in Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh on which No Objection Certificate was sought by NHAI for construction of road under golden quadrilateral road construction scheme;
- (b) the number of trees to be cut on this land, the name of the institution and date of granting permission;
- (c) the details of land and the amount paid as compensation to the forest department in lieu of this land and by when this compensation was provided; and
- (d) whether complaints regarding violation of rules were received and the action taken on these complaints?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a)
  - (i) Following three proposals were approved for diversion of forest land for construction of roads by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in district Jhansi and Lalitpur:
    - Diversion of 47.41 ha of forest land and felling of 7606 trees for widening of NH-26 from km 38 to 94 in district Lalitpur.
    - Diversion of 5.999 ha of forest land and felling of 7609 trees for widening of NH-26 from km 94 to 131 in district Lalitpur.
    - Diversion of 21.18 ha of forest land and felling of 13444 trees for widening of NH-26 from km 82 to 173 in district Jhansi
  - (ii) The total 53.07 ha of land was diverted for construction of above mentioned road projects in the districts of Jhansi and Lalitpur:
    - Reserved Forest -12.35 ha.
    - Van Swaroop -2.52 ha
    - Protected Forest -38.20 ha.
  - (iii) It is, however, nowhere mentioned that the proposed roads are under golden quadrilateral road construction scheme of NHAI.
- (b) and (c) Total 28659 number of trees were allowed to be felled by the implementing agency. The permission was granted vide letters No. 8B/UP/06/99/2007/347 dated 18.06.2009, 8B/UP/06/43/2017/1417 dated 17.10.2008 and 8B/UP/06/2006/FC/2074 dated 23.03.2006. Total amount of

Rs.9,86,72,986 was paid towards Compensatory Afforestation and NPV charges to the forest department.

- (d) Violation has been reported by the state government for which penal amount of Rs.14,74,297 were realized from the user agency.

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