

Sammruddhi Mahamarg in Maharashtra

926. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of trees which were there on the belt of 701 km. Mumbai-Nagpur Sammrudhi Expressway;
- (b) the total number of trees required to be axed for completing the Expressway;
- (c) the number of trees which have already been axed as on date; and
- (d) whether norms of Indian Roads Congress have been followed, if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The question under consideration is concerned with Mumbai-Nagpur Sammrudhi Expressway which is not a National Highway and is currently developed/maintained by the State Government of Maharashtra.

National Highway projects in Andhra Pradesh

927. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Highway (NH) projects taken up for renovation/repairs/completion along with NHs passing through Andhra Pradesh during the past two years;
- (b) the quantum of funds earmarked and released along with utilization thereof;
- (c) whether any works have been left incomplete, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government for their early completion?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Thirty six National Highway projects costing ₹ 14,435 crore for development and 71 repair works costing ₹ 59 crore have been taken up in Andhra Pradesh during the past two years.