

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3272  
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013  
CUTTING OF TREES FOR FOUR LANING OF NH  
Semmalai Shri S.

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of trees uprooted for four-laning works on National Highway (NH)-68 in Salem area of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether new saplings have been planted there under compensatory afforestation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

- (a) 7284 trees were cut for the work of widening from Km 0/313 to Km 136/670 (Salem – Ulundurpet section) of NH-68.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) 14000 saplings have already been planted and another 7000 saplings are targeted for plantation by September, 2013.