

Regarding request to revoke the decision of cutting down of trees at Tapovan to construct Sadhugram

SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE (NASHIK) : There is a discussion as well as debate going on of cutting down 1800 trees at Tapovan to construct Sadhugram for upcoming Kumbhamela at Nashik. This area is important for Nashikkars and an important centre for biodiversity, birds and animals. The citizens, environmentalists started protesting against this decision. Tapovan is chosen for Sadhugram when there are much better locations available in the city. It seems like the decision made by local authorities is not transparent and taken without prior consultations with experts and environmentalist. Trees are necessary for future. The decision needs to be revoked on immediate basis. I urge upon central government to intervene in this matter.

Thank you.