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Title: Need to prevent the felling of trees on the campus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune in Maharashtra.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the illegal cutting down of 1774 trees by the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Pune for constructing boundary wall and peripheral road across 45 acres of its campus. In a shocking revelation it is found that the Forest Department had permitted the cutting of only 739 scheduled-trees and the Academy had no formal permission to cut the other 1,035 non-scheduled trees. The felling of trees is in full progress between *Uttamnagar* and *Kudje* village. Shockingly, several trees which did not seem to obstruct the construction of the boundary wall and peripheral road were also cut down. The illegal cutting down of trees on the NDA campus will not only impact the surrounding environment but also adversely affect the people at large. Therefore, in the first instance, trees should be uprooted and replanted elsewhere using high-tech machines rather than cutting them down. I would, therefore, strongly request the Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change to kindly look into the matter and do the needful urgently in the larger public interest.