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Cong MLA booked for pouring mud on official

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MAHARASHTRA Congress MLA Nitesh Rane was booked on Thursday for throwing mud on and tying up a deputy engineer of the public works department as punishment for shoddy work in widening of the Mumbai-Goa highway.

"A case has been registered against the MLA and two of his associates under sections pertaining to rioting, hampering work of a government employee, criminal conspiracy and damaging property. All the three have been detained as of now and the further process is still on," SP from Sindhudurg district, Dikshit Gedam, told TNIE.

The incident took place on Thursday morning when Rane, who is MLA from Kankawli in Sindhudurg district, was inspecting the road widening work done on the highway near Kankawli town. He was annoyed to see mud on the road and absence of service roads, which was causing trouble to commuters. He then summoned the engineer responsible for the work and 'punished' him.

Meanwhile, two days after PM Modi disapproved of the conduct of Indore MLA Akash Vijayvargiya, who assaulted a civic official, the Madhya Pradesh B.JP said on Thursday that it had not taken any decision about the action to be taken.