

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:119  
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001  
INCREASE IN WILDLIFE CRIME  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the wildlife crimes are increasing in the country and the Union and State Governments have failed to check the same;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the extent of success achieved during the last three years as well as current year in controlling the wildlife crimes;
- (c) whether the Union Government have been actively considering to set up a Wildlife Crime Intelligence Cell in the country;
- (d) if so, the modus operandi of the proposed cell; and
- (e) the extent to which it is likely to check wildlife crimes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS ( SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 FOR 26.11.2001 REGARDING `INCREASE IN WILDLIFE CRIME`

(a)&(b) Following co-ordinated efforts made by the Central Government, State Governments and Non Governmental Organisations for effective implementation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and special thrust given to tackling the problem of wildlife crime, there has been an increase in the number of cases of detection and seizure of wildlife products in the recent years. The details of major seizures in this regard are at annexure.

(c),(d)&(e) The Central Government has decided to set up a small cell within the Ministry to collect information, assist and coordinate with various enforcement agencies under the Central and State Governments for effective implementation of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 119 FOR 26.11.2001 REGARDING INCREASE IN WILDLIFE CRIME

The details of major seizures made during last three years.

Quantity/Number

Sl.No. Items      1998 1999 2000

1	Tiger skin/Whole body	14	38	39
2	Leopard skin/whole body	28	80	201
3	Leopard and Tiger bones	-	-	176 kg.
4	Tiger Skull	-	-	-
5	Pangolin skin	-	3	-
6	Otter skin	-	-	101
7	Black buck skin	-	-	221

8. Shahtoosh shawl - 35 63

9. Snake skin and article 1 47 2000

10 Crocodile skin/article - 1 5

11 Monitor Lizard skin - 11001 3

12 Birds 4408 172 8692

13 Butterflies/Moths - 1.97 kg -