

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4577
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2002
BAN ON TRADE OF SHAHTOOSH SHAWL
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Alarm over shahtoosh seizure in Rome' appearing in the Times of India dated February 22, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the Government have failed to check the smuggling of shahtoosh shawl from India;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government are considering to amend the existing law in regard to ban on shahtoosh shawl; and
- (f) if so, the details there of?

Answer

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

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. The recent seizure in Rome substantiates the fact that illegal trade in shahtoosh shawls continues unabated with the involvement of organised mafias.

(c)&(d) Large number of attempted smuggling of shahtoosh shawls have been detected through the joint efforts of the wildlife wing of the Government of India, Customs authorities and Non Governmental Organisations. The list of seizures during the last four years is at Annexure.

(e)&(f) The trade in shahtoosh shawls is already banned under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPARTS (c)&(d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. REGARDING BAN ON TRADE OF SHAHTOOSH SHAWL.

List of Seizures of Shahtoosh Shawls during the last four years.

Sl.No. Name of accused City Year Wool (in Kgs) Shawls (Pieces)

1	Rajendra Tikko	Delhi	1998	47	
2	Sunita/Samad Ahmad	Delhi	1998	11	
3	William Jean	Delhi	1999	12	
4	Ishaq Baig	Delhi	1999	10	
5	Parveen/Samad Ahmad	Delhi	1999	15	
6	Ali Mohd. Pir	Delhi	1999	13	
7	Naresh Narula	Delhi	1999	96	
8	Mukhtar Ahmed Lone	Delhi	1999	10	
9	Jagdish Mittal/N.Tuli	Delhi	1999	1	
10	Rajesh Kumar	Delhi	1999	6	
11	Hilal Ahmed Vani	Delhi	2000	49	
12	Ritu Ansal	Delhi	2000	7	
13	Manzoor Ahmed	Delhi	2000	7	
14	R&D Co., Lajpat Nagar.	Delhi	2001	130	
15	Parvez Alam	Jayanagar,			

Bihar Delhi 2001 114
16 Mushtaq Ahmed & M. Alam Delhi 2001 70
TOTAL 244 354