

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6619  
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IMPORT OF TIMBER  
Charenamei Shri Mani

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether teak wood and other timber from Myanmar is freely imported through all ports of India except through Moreh Land Customs Station in Manipur, the only functional land route between India and Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the role of High Powered Committee in the North East vis-à-vis foreign trade policy in this regard;
- (d) whether any action of the High Powered Committee has been instrumental in killing the timber based plywood industries in Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh causing losses to the industry in thousands of crores of rupees;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether it is a fact that by disallowing import of timber through the most economical land route the country's interest is being harmed; and
- (g) if so, action taken thereupon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) to (g): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.