

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

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SMUGGLING OF FOREST PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether the smuggling of forest products has increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Uttar Pradesh and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of persons arrested for these activities and the action taken thereto during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

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