

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1059
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2010
DEMAND OF SAWN TIMBER
Ray Shri Bishnu Pada

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

- (a) the estimated demand of sawn timber in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) the provisions made to meet the demands of sawn timber in remote islands of Little Andaman and Nicobar Group of Island;
- (c) the steps taken to meet the gap in demand of sawn timber in South, Middle and North Andaman due to shortfall in supply by Government Saw Mills; and
- (d) the effective steps taken to prevent illegal removal of timber to meet the demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) No study/survey has been conducted to arrive at the estimated demand of sawn timber in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. However, based on the last ten years, on an average annual local consumption of sawn timber works out 8775 cum.
- (b)& (c) Andaman & Nicobar administration has taken steps to meet the demand of sawn timber of local people of Little Andaman & Campbell Bay by establishing sale depots at Little Andaman & Campbell Bay. Further, the Government saw mills at Chatham (South), Betapur (Middle Andaman), 4 make-shift Saw Mill units in South Andaman and one make-shift unit in North Andaman have been allowed to operate to meet the gap in demand of sawn timber in South, Middle and North Andaman.
- (d) Forest Department of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been taking various effective measures to curb illegal activities by means of patrolling and surveillance.