

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:208

ANSWERED ON:24.11.2010

SMUGGLING OF WILD ANIMALS

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

- (a) whether smuggling of wild animals is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the cases reported during the last three years and the current year in this regard, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Supreme Court has also expressed its concern in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any discussion has been held with China for protection and conservation of wild animals;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and China's reaction thereto;
- (f) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for establishment of wildlife forensic facility for training the staff in investigation of wildlife crime; and
- (g) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 REGARDING "SMUGGLING OF WILD ANIMALS" BY SHRI BALKRISHNA K. SHUKLA AND SHRI RAMASHANKER RAJBHAR FOR REPLY ON 24.11.2010

(a) & (b) There are no reports with the Ministry indicating increasing trend in the smuggling of the wild animals. However, considering the lucrative prices and demand for wildlife products in the clandestine international market, the possibility of smuggling of wildlife and its derivatives cannot be ruled out. State-wise details of smuggling of wild animals or their products are not compiled in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) Hon'ble Supreme Court in their judgments have expressed general concern over smuggling of wild animals and their parts.

(d) & (e) A delegation of the officers from the Ministry of Environment and Forests visited China recently to discuss matters relating to cooperation in control of wildlife crimes, tiger conservation and collaboration in research, training and capacity building. Both the sides have agreed to the need of collaborative investigation into the trans-border linkages of wildlife crimes, mutual cooperation in tiger conservation and training and capacity building of forest personnel and scientists.

(f) & (g) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry from the Government of Kerala.