

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

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SMUGGLING OF SANDALWOOD TREES

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

- (a) whether smuggling of various important trees such as Sandalwood, teak etc. and forest produce are rampant and is done in connivance with forest officials in the country particularly in naxal affected areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the cases reported along with the value of trees smuggled during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the persons found guilty and action taken against them during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise, and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take to check such smuggling of Sandalwood trees?

Answer

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

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