

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6205
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PROTECTION OF TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed the incidences of falling of aged trees and resulting in major mishaps in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for pruning of branches of diseased trees in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) No, Sir. Incidents of falling of aged and diseased trees occur during storm/winds. No major mishap due to falling of aged tree has been reported in the country.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) Local State Forest officials have the power to allow pruning the branches of diseased trees which pose danger to human life.