

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

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CHECK ON SMUGGLING OF FOREST TIMBER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of smuggling of forest timber by forest mafias in connivance with timber smugglers, mafias and forest officials have been reported; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against such forest mafias and officials?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There are no reports in the Ministry regarding smuggling of forest timber by forest mafias in connivance with forest officials.