

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:187

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SMUGGLING OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

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

(a) the number of incidents of poaching of wild animals, bio-diversity thefts and smuggling of endangered species that have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and National Park/ Sanctuary-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that poachers have been active in several National Parks/Wild Life Sanctuaries armed with highly sophisticated arms and the forest officials find themselves helpless against such sophisticated arms;and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to arm the forest officials with sophisticated arms and other equipment to check dwindling number of wild animals particularly the endangered species?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House