

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3222
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HARASSMENT OF GUJJARS
Maharaj Shri Satpal

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

- (a) whether Ban Gujjars and other forest dwellers are being harassed in the country especially in Rajaji National Park of Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b) & (c) There are no reports of Ban Gujjars and other forest dwellers being harassed in the country. However, information regarding Rajaji National Park is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.