

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2962  
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SMUGGLING OF SANDALWOOD  
MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARY

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the illegal trading of sandalwood is growing rapidly in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposed to take any concrete step to prevent it; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to prevent the smuggling of sandalwood?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (E B &I) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHIB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above. However, all the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to prevent smuggling of contraband goods including sandalwood outside the country.