

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN IVORY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wildlife Protection Society of India has represented against the re-opening of international trade in ivory on ground that the population of elephants has been on the decline due to extensive increase in poaching after the resumption of ivory trade in 1998;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken or proposed to take up this issue at the 11th Conference of Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of World Fauna and Flora in Nairobi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) & (c) On the basis of a joint proposal by India and Kenya in the XI th Conference of Parties held from 10-20 April, 2000 at Gigiri, Kenya, a total ban on ivory trade has been imposed till the next Conference of Parties.