

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

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SMUGGLING OF FOREST RESOURCES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing smuggling of Teak, Sandalwood and Bamboo from Orissa forests by forest mafia;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the quantity of the aforesaid forest resources smuggled during the last three years and thereafter; and
- (c) the steps taken to stop the smuggling of these forest resources?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) The Government are aware of smuggling of Teak, Sandalwood & Bamboo from the forests of Orissa.
- (b) The details of Teak, Sandalwood and Bamboo smuggled during last three years are as given hereunder:

Year	Teak (cu.m)	Sandalwood (kg)	Bamboo (No.)
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1999-2000	280	1070	11716
2000-2001	270	1270	14116
2001-2002	1150	1050	15757

- (c) Steps taken by the Orissa Forest Department to stop smuggling of these forest resources are:

- i Regular patrolling of forest areas by the forest department staff.
- ii Development of an efficient wireless communication system.
- iii Deployment of one Company of CRPF in the Berbera and Dhunanali Reserved Forests in the Puri District for protection of Teak forests.
- iv 19 number of A.P..R Units have been deployed to check smuggling of forest resources.
- v 265 check gates have been functioning to prevent smuggling.
- vi The forest personnel are provided with guns and revolvers for self-defence and handling the forest mafia.
- vii Involvement of local people in forest protection.