

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

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GROWTH AND SALE OF SANDALWOOD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have the upto date statistics on the total quantity of sandalwood kept in the Sandalwood depots/godowns in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the quantity and value of the said wood, State-wise, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government have no control over the growing and selling of sandalwood logs in the country; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the Union Government control over the sandal tree vegetation/growth and its marketing through public auctions?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b) Latest statistics are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) & (d) Growing, selling and marketing of sandalwood is regulated under State Acts and regulations. Export of sandalwood is regulated under Export - Import Policy of the Central Government.