

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5524  
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EXPLOITATION OF SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that certain agriculturists are extensively exploiting the sanctuary of blackbucks in Abohar in Chandigarh as reported in 'The Hindu' dated 3 January, 2005;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government against culprits in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the sanctuary from exploitation in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) As intimated by the State Government there is no such report regarding certain agriculturists extensively exploiting the sanctuary of blackbucks in Abohar.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The following steps are being taken by the State Government to protect the sanctuary from exploitation—
  - i. Strict vigil by staff round the clock.
  - ii. Strict preventive patrolling during vulnerable hours.
  - iii. Protection of wild animals by the community.