

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

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REVENUE FROM SUNDARBANS FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the forest produce of Sundarbans in West Bengal earns considerable foreign exchange every year ;
- (b) if so, the details of the earnings during the last three years ; and
- (c) the steps proposed / taken to increase such revenue and check further depletion of the Sundarbans as on date ?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. No foreign exchange is earned from Sundarbans.
- (b)&(c) Do not arise.