

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1782
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BIO PIRACY OF HERBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the North-East Region which is a treasure box of herbs in the country is seriously hit by activities of bi-piracy :
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and :
- (c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken to check and prevent large scale theft of rare seeds and herbs from the said region ?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) No Madam. No such report has been received by Government of India.
- (c) To prevent the acts of bio-piracy, the Government of India has enacted Biological Diversity Act, 2002. Under this Act, National Biodiversity Authority has been established which is mandated to regulate the access of biological resources in the country. Under the same Act, there is a provision of establishing State Biodiversity Board in every State.