

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1797
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 17.03.2022

Magisterial powers to forest official

1797. SHRI K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that forest departments can ask for police escorts when there are fears of violence and support is not always available, especially when foresters encounter criminals while on patrol;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that many department officials have demanded that officers above a certain rank be given magisterial powers, as during elections; and
- (c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b)& (c) No such information is collected in the Ministry.
