

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4351
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017

Operation Thunder Bird

4351. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has coordinated “ Operation Thunder Bird” in the country, recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the States that have participated in the operation;
- (c) the details of the live species of scheduled animals and Wildlife items seized during the operation, State, animal species and item-wise; and
- (d) the numbers of persons arrested in this regard, State- wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) Yes, the “Operation Thunder Bird” has been coordinated in country by Wild Crime Control Bureau” recently

- (b) Following thirteen states within country participated in this operation
- i. Assam
 - ii. West Bengal
 - iii. Maharashtra
 - iv. Karnataka
 - v. Odisha
 - vi. Gujarat
 - vii. Delhi
 - viii. Uttarakhand
 - ix. Bihar
 - x. Madhya Pradesh
 - xi. Jharkhand
 - xii. Tamil Nadu
 - xiii. Meghalaya
- (c) The details of the live species of schedule animals and wildlife items seized during the operation are as Annexure-A
- (d) Total number of person arrested in this operation is 70 State wise division of this number is illustrated in Annexure-B.

Annexure-A

Statewise details of wildlife items seized, No. of persons arrested as per details provided to this Bureau during Operation Thunderbird

S.N	State	Species	Quantity	Persons Arrested
1.	Assam	Live Hare	3 No.	8
		Live Mongoose	2 No.	
		Live Dove	1 No.	
		Live Bulbul	1 No.	
		Live Barbet	1 No.	
		Rhino Carcass	2 No.	
		Leopard Carcass	2 No.	
		Tiger Skin	1 No.	
		Tiger Bone, Nail, Teeth	8 Kgs	
		Indian Muntjac Skin	1 No.	
		Tortoise	89 No.	
2.	West Bengal	Live <i>Gekko gecko</i>	1 No.	14
		Live Indian Softshell Turtle	1900 No.	
		Indian Softshell Turtle Carcass	3 No.	
		Elephant Ivory	2 Kgs	
		Live Alexandrine Parakeet	45 No.	
3.	Maharashtra	Live Star Tortoise	1 No.	7
		Live Indian Softshell Turtle	1 No.	
		Live Alexandrine Parakeet	8 No.	
		Live Common Kestral	4 No.	
4.	Karnataka	Live Star Tortoise	286 No.	9
		Leopard Skin	1 No.	
		Elephant Ivory	17.12 Kgs	

5.	Odisha	Live Star Tortoise	10 No.	4
		Jungle Cat Carcass	3 No.	
6.	Gujarat	Live Gadwall	3 No.	9
		Live Common Crane	1 No.	
7.	Delhi	Organ Pipe Coral	1 No.	1
8.	Uttarakhand	Leopard Skin	5 No.	4
9.	Bihar	Snake Venom	1 Jar	2
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Tiger Carcass	1 No.	5
11.	Jharkhand	Sambar Deer Carcass	1 No.	5
12.	Tamil Nadu	Live Alexandrine Parakeet	160 No.	2
13.	Meghalaya	Live <i>Gekkogecko</i>	1 No.	NA

Annexure-B

Statewise details of No. of persons arrested as per details provided to this Bureau during Operation Thunderbird

S.N	State	No. Of Persons Arrested
1.	West Bengal	14
2.	Gujarat	9
3.	Karnataka	9
4.	Assam	8
5.	Maharashtra	7
6.	Madhya Pradesh	5
7.	Jharkhand	5
8.	Odisha	4
9.	Uttarakhand	4
10.	Bihar	2
11.	Tamil Nadu	2
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1
13.	Delhi	1