

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 91
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2018

Cutting of Trees

91. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

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

- (a) whether incidents of tree cutting by timber/forest mafia are increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the provision/rules regarding cutting of trees;
- (c) the number of times the said provisions have been violated during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government regarding the said violations during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry has not received any specific information/ report stating that incidents of tree cutting by timber/ forest mafia are increasing in the country. The cutting of trees are regulated by the provisions of extant acts of the Centre and the concerned State/ UT Governments and rules & regulations made there-under.
- (c) & (d) The State-wise information on number of times the said provisions have been violated is not maintained at the level of this Ministry.
