

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279**

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020  
MAGHA 21, 1941 [SAKA]

**Smuggling of Tortoise**

**1279. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the smuggling of tortoise is taking place in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any special measure to prevent it; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken and the time by which it will be curbed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE [REVENUE]**  
**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

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- (a) Yes Sir. The details of the cases of smuggling of tortoise are as under :-

Year	2017-18	2018-19
No. of Cases	6	18

(b & c) India is a signatory to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) which is a worldwide prohibitive mechanism. Accordingly, Custom field formations and Intelligence agencies take appropriate action under Customs Act, 1962 and allied Acts such as Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 to prevent such smuggling.

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