

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3611.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 21ST DECEMBER, 2015.**

TIMBER INDUSTRY

**3611. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether there is huge potential for timber based industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether timber based industry has not flourished in proportion to the scale of production of timber in the country; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

- (a):** Yes, Madam.
- (b):** There is demand for timber products due to growth in housing and real estate sector.
- (c) & (d):** The timber industry is mainly dependent on forests for its basic raw material i.e. wood and we cannot overexploit our natural resources due to its significant impact on environment.
