SSB Seized Rhino Horn and Tokkey Gecko Worth Rs 3,51,56,666/-

New Delhi-04 Jun, 2017 –As on 03-06-2017 at about 1545 hrs on specific information personnel of 53rd Bn SSB Simlabari, Distt-Alipurduar, under FTR Siliguri, seized following items with two apprehensions.

1) 01 Rhino horn weighing 145gms worth Rs 4,640,000/- Approx.
2) Tokay Gecko, 4 nos, worth Rs 30,000,000/- Approx.
3) Reindeer horn, 1 nos, worth Rs 51,666/- Approx.

Total value of seized items is Rs 3,51,56,666/- only. The apprehended persons Dhiren Barman and Dhalu Barman were handed over to Jaldapara south, forest office Alipurduar (WB).

Along with the regular duty of guarding the borders, the SSB plays an important role in protecting the flora and fauna along INB and IBB. The maximum area of responsibilities of SSB is having forest cover. Smuggling of forest produce and wildlife is a major crime in the area of responsibilities of SSB.

These Tokkey Gecko and Rhino Horn were to be smuggled from India to China through Bhutan. These are used for preparing medicines in China.

Tokkey and Rhino are found in Jaldapara forest and Buxa Tiger reserve and are smuggled through the route of Alipurduar, West Bengal, India to Bhutan. From Bhutan they were sent to China. During preliminary interrogation it was revealed by apprehended person that they usually get 05 to 20 lakhs per Tokkey as per weight and size. However valuation of Tokkey and Rhino as calculated by forest officials according to international market rate is Rs 3,51,56,666/- only.

SashastraSeemaBal (SSB) is mandated to guard 1751kms long Indo-Nepal and 699 kms long Indo-Bhutan international borders, which also involves prevention of smuggling along the border areas including the smuggling of forest produce and wildlife. Beside this SSB is also mandated to check the cross border crime. SSB had made seizures of Tokay Gecko and seized two jars of snake venom in the month of May 2017. The value of these seizures was evaluated approx. 70 crores.
SSB is making concerted and coordinated efforts with all stakeholders to nab smugglers of wildlife produces.

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