PRESS RELEASE

SSB seized Tokay Gecko – An endangered species

New Delhi (19th AUGUST 2017) : Sashastra Seema Bal’s (SSB’s) 17th Bn Falakata, West Bengal seized 5nos. of Tokay Gecko in a joint operation with personnel of South Raidhak Forest Range on 18.08.2017 by 1800 hrs. Tiken Barman s/o Bhuttu Barman r/o village-Salsalabari, P.S-Alipurdwar, Distt-Alipurdwar was apprehended during the joint operation with Tokay Gecko.

Tokay Gecko is a rare and endangered species of reptile, it has a great demand in the international market. It is caught and trafficked from north-eastern Indian states to Southeast Asian countries, where many people believe that medicines made from gecko meat can cure many diseases.

SSB is deployed at Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan border various Forest Reserves and wild life sanctuaries falls in the AOR of SSB. A total of 120 number of Border out Posts are located in these Forest areas and therefore protecting the precious wild life from hunters, smugglers and poachers is a big challenge for the force. The apprehended person and seized items were handed over to South Raidhak Forest Range.

This year alone SSB has apprehended 75 persons in 65 cases.

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