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SSB Recovered Tokay Gecko,1 Held

New Delhi (2\textsuperscript{nd} JULY 2017) – Jawans of 53\textsuperscript{rd} Bn of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) on Saturday rescued 7 (seven) Tokay Gecko, a rare and endangered species of reptile, known as KEKO SAAP in local parlance in north east, and nabbed a person, Anil lama s/o Gopal Lama r/o Birpara Assam.

The Tokay Gecko has a great demand in the international smuggling market. The nabbed person was carrying it in a vehicle when, acting on a tip off, the Jawans of SSB and official of Hamilton Forest Range intercepted the Maruti van (WB 70D2423) and rescued the animals from his possession.

The apprehended person confessed that he was planning to sell it to an international racket of smugglers at the price of around Rs 4, 90, 00000/-. The SSB personnel later handed over the arrested smuggler and recovered reptile to the forest official of Hamilton Range.

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