

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1480  
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NEXUS BETWEEN DRUG SMUGGLERS AND SECESSIONISTS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a nexus between drug smugglers and secessionists in North-Eastern region;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether Pakistan is providing assistance to terrorists and drug smugglers; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government and the State Governments to curb their activities?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): There are reports of a nexus between drug smugglers and secessionist groups in the North-Eastern Region. A number of members of secessionist groups have been found to be in possession of drugs when arrested.

(c): The Government has reports that the Pak ISI has been helping the North Eastern militants/terrorists in purchase and transportation of arms consignments from abroad to the North Eastern Region. The reports also indicate that the Pak ISI is providing assistance to North Eastern militants in terms of money.

(d): The Security Forces deployed along the borders have been alerted and are kept apprised about any reports of smuggling of arms and drugs. Narcotics Control Bureau has taken several steps in close coordination with the Governments of North Eastern States for checking smuggling of drugs and the position is reviewed from time to time at various levels. Besides modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces by grant of Central financial assistance, information received from various sources is shared with the State Governments for taking appropriate steps for checking smuggling of arms and drugs. The other steps taken are to intensify patrolling in the border areas, erection of observation Post Towers, increase in the number of Nakas, supply of sophisticated gadgets including night vision devices, jeeps, tractors, motor cycles and motor boats as well as the reduction of gaps between Border Out Posts in vulnerable areas.