

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2096
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
SEIZURE OF HEROIN
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of seizures of heroin and other psycho-tropic drugs during the current year, so far;
- (b) the details of smugglers` gangs, if any busted and nabbed in this regard, indicating their modus operandi;
- (c) the comparative figures and other details for the last three years;
- (d) whether any links between drug smugglers and terrorists have been established;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the flow of funds and resources from drug trade to terrorists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : During the year 2000 (upto October) 760 kgs of Heroin, 1702 kgs. of Opium, 43100 kgs. of Ganja, 3058 kgs. of Hashish, 16 kgs. of Morphine and 823 kgs. of Methaqualone were seized.

(b) :The following gangs were busted during the year 2000:-

- 1) Delhi Zonal Unit neutralized an International gang consisting of 7 persons (2 Afghans, 1 Nigerian, 1 British and 3 Indians) along with the biggest seizure of 77 kgs. of Heroin.
- 2) Varanasi Zonal Unit busted an International trafficking gang operating through Courier Service.
- 3) Mumbai Zonal Unit neutralized a gang led by Ghanhiram Kanhayalal Solank @ Uncle.
- 4) Delhi Zonal Unit busted a gang operating in NCT Delhi led by Dinesh Kumar @ Babloo.

The modus operandi adopted by gangs of drug smugglers/ peddlers is to smuggle the heroin packed in wooden boxes with false bottoms, in gunny bags and polythene pouches, concealed in the cavities made in the wooden cases of dry fruits, in the sliding door panel or specially created chambers at the floor of a vehicle, wrapped around the body beneath the shirt or clothing of a person, concealed in the false bottom lining of two rucksacks and on camel back etc.

(c) : The details of drugs seized, number of cases registered and number of persons arrested in connection with drug related cases in the country during the last three years are as given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e) : The Government has no definite information or intelligence to establish links between drugs smugglers and terrorists. However, instances of drug traffickers carrying arms and ammunition have been reported to the Government by the various drug law enforcement agencies.

(f) : Instructions have been issued to all the drug law enforcement agencies to take appropriate steps to counter money laundering activities by conducting financial investigations in all the seizure cases of narcotic drugs and for freezing/forfeiture of property which are found to be acquired illegally. Other significant steps taken by the Government to prevent and check smuggling of narcotic drugs include constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts, gearing up of intelligence machinery, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the border, holding of periodic cross border meetings in which representatives of Indian and Pakistani narcotic agencies are present and stringent action against all persons arrested for drug trafficking under the NDPS Act.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2096

DETAILS OF NARCOTICS DRUGS SEIZED IN THE COUNTRY DURING LAST THREE YEARS

1997 OPIUM HEROIN GANJA HASHISH MORPHINE METHAQUALONE
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QUANTITY 3316 1332 80886 3281 128 1740

(in kgs.)

CASES 1333 2990 7062 2223 75 207
NUMBERS)

ARRESTED 1539 3262 7409 2060 79 202

(IN
NUMBERS)

1998 OPIUM HEROIN GANJA HASHISH MORPHINE METHAQUALONE
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QUANTITY 2031 655 68221 10106 19 2257

(IN
KGS.)

CASES (IN 954 3095 6018 2193 56 114
NUMBERS)

ARRESTED 1108 3381 6312 2189 68 135

(IN
NUMBERS)

1999 OPIUM HEROIN GANJA HASHISH MORPHINE METHAQUALONE
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QUANTITY 1635 861 40113 3391 36 474

(IN
KGS.)

CASES (IN 927 2937 6518 2500 125 8
NUMBERS)

ARRESTED	1024	3143	6585	2582	121	17
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NUMBERS)