

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF MOBILE PHONES
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chennai has been emerging as a major hub for smuggling of mobile phones;
- (b) if so, the total mobile phones seized by DRI during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to stop smuggling of mobile phones in Chennai?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However 7410 mobile phones have been seized by DRI at Chennai during the last three years.

(c): The concerned field formations of the Customs Department including DRI are alert and vigilant to stop smuggling of contraband goods including mobile phones in Chennai.