

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2512
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
SMUGGLING OF GOODS FROM CHINA
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Cheen ke maal se ate pade hain poorvottar rajyon ke bazar` as appearing in the 'Navbharat Times' dated January 10, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts reported in the newspaper;

(c) whether these goods smuggled into the North Eastern States from China, Korea and Taiwan through Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh are being sold at cheap rates as result of which the economy of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya are being affected adversely; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check it?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seizures of smuggled goods of Chinese origin have been effected by the jurisdictional field formations of the Customs Department including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in the North-Eastern states. The involvement of Naga extremists in smuggling as reported in the news item has not come to the notice of the Customs Department. The details of the such seizures during last two years and current year (upto January, 2003) is as under :-

Year No. of cases booked Value No. of persons arrested
(Rs. in crores)

2000-2001	979	2.180	3
2001-2002	768	3.044	NIL
2002-2003	1053	5.802	1

(Upto January, 2003)

Total 2800 11.026 4

(c): General intelligence available and seizures effected by the Customs Department suggest that the Chinese and Korean goods are being smuggled into India from Myanmar through unauthorised routes bordering North-Eastern states viz. Nagaland, Manipur & Mizoram and are finding their way into the North- Eastern states. However, the quantum of seizure does not suggest that the problem is serious.

(d): All field formations of the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) are vigilant and alert to check smuggling from China into the country.