

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DRUG TRAFFICKING IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Delhi major hub for drug trafficking` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 24, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to save Delhi from becoming a hub for international drug trafficking ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The news item in question refers to the latest Annual Report of the International Narcotics Control Board in which it has been, inter-alia, observed that Delhi and Mumbai have emerged as the major drug trafficking centres in South Asia and certain parts of India have witnessed a rapid deterioration of the drug abuse situation.

(c)&(d) India continues to be a transit country for trafficking of drugs. The measures taken by the Central Government to put an effective check on drug trafficking in Delhi include maintenance of the utmost vigilance by the enforcement agencies; imparting training to enforcement staff to improve their effectiveness; strict watch on the activities of drug smugglers and peddlers as also on criminals released from jail; creation of a special Narcotics Cell by Customs Department at Indira Gandhi International Airport and creation of a Narcotics Cell in Delhi Police.