

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3716
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SMUGGLING OF ATOMIC MINERALS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that atomic minerals were being smuggled to Pakistan from the Bastar region of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether the minerals were being taken out of the country in the form of tin ore;
- (c) whether the state Government was already informed and was urged to have high level probe into it;
- (d) if so, whether the Centre has taken up this matter with the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for smuggling of atomic mineral to Pakistan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a) No case of smuggling of atomic minerals to Pakistan from the Bastar region of Madhya Pradesh has been reported so far.
- (b) to (d) Do not arise.