

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38

ANSWERED ON:26.07.2005

SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether weapons are being smuggled into the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any information about the quantum of illegal weapons smuggled in the country;
- (c) the details and the category of the weapons seized during each of the last three years alongwith the names of the countries of their manufacture;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check such incidents; and
- (e) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 38 FOR ANSWER ON 26.7.2005.

(a) to (c): Instances of smuggling of arms in various parts of the country have come to notice. The exact quantum of illegal weapons in the country cannot be estimated. However, the total number of illegal weapons seized including smuggled weapons of various categories with and without identification marks are indicated below for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 -

Year	No. of weapons seized
2002	15,710
2003	13,682
2004	11,406

Separate data for smuggled weapons is not maintained.

(d): The Government has taken the following steps to check the proliferation of illegal unlicensed weapons -

(i) State and UT Governments have been requested to make sustained and continuous efforts to unearth illegal arms.

(ii) Regular meetings are held with representatives of Police of States/UTs to monitor and take stock of the situation.

(iii) Border management has been strengthened by construction of border roads, security fencing, flood lighting and enhanced surveillance along the international borders. Schemes for strengthening coastal security have also been sanctioned.

(e): As a result of the steps taken by the Government, several seizures have been effected.