

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SEIZURE OF SATELLITE PHONE AND WIRELESS SET FROM IGI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a consignment of preactivated highly sophisticated satellite phones and wireless sets has been seized by customs at Indira Gandhi International Airport recently;
- (b) if so, the value and other details of the seized equipment alongwith the country of their origin;
- (c) whether the Government has been able to identify the ultimate recipients and people behind this dispatch;
- (d) if not, whether the Government has taken up this matter with the countries of origin/dispatch to know about the source from which payment have been made to them; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI. S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b):A consignment consisting of one satellite phone, 40 wireless handsets, 60 antennas of various frequencies, a belt with an electronic charger device fitted inside along with 150 meter as black co-axial cable and 6 sets of head phones valued at Rs.2,30,212/- was seized on 16-06-2005. The country of origin of these goods was Riyadh and port of shipment was Jeddah, both in Saudi Arabia.

(c) The goods were sent by Sh. Sajjad Shekh from Riyadh and were cleared by Sh. Mohd. Amin Khan to be finally delivered at Srinagar, J & K. Since the consignment appeared to be involving national security angle, the accused was handed over to the Special Cell of Delhi Police for further interrogation and investigation.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of (c) above.