## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1076 ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005 TALKS WITH MYANMAR

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## Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Home Secretary level talks with Myanmar were held during October, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues raised by Indian delegation during such talks;
- (c) the reaction of Myanmar on each of such issues;
- (d) the steps taken by both countries to check transborder crimes/terrorism; and
- (e) the details with regard to treaties signed on various issues to check transborder crimes/terrorism with Myanmar?

## **Answer**

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

(a)to(e): The 11th National Level Meeting, at the Home Secretary Level, between India & Myanmar was held at Yangon, Myanmar from the 14th to 17th Oct'05. At this meeting, issues relating to security, drug trafficking, border trade, border management, Myanmar fishermen in Indian jails and training of civil servants on Myanmar in India were discussed. The status of various infrastructure projects in Myanmar particularly in road and power sectors over which the two countries have agreed to cooperate, was also reviewed at this meeting. Union Home Secretary raised, interalia, India's concern on the presence of Indian Insurgent Groups in the Myanmar territory and requested Government of Myanmar to take effective action against them. The Government of Myanmar reiterated that they would not allow the use of their territory by insurgent groups for undertaking activities prejudicial to the interest of India. After detailed discussions, both sides agreed to further strengthen cooperation in checking the activities of insurgents, arms smugglers, drug traffickers and other hostile elements along the India-Myanmar border. After conclusion of the meeting, Agreed Minutes of the meeting was signed on 17th Oct'05 by the leaders of Indian and Myanmar delegation.