

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF ARMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large scale arms smuggling is taking place from Bangladesh;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to stop it ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (REVENUE) (S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) : Available intelligence and seizures of arms effected by Customs formations do not indicate any large scale smuggling of arms from Bangladesh.
- (b) : NIL in view of (a) above.
- (c) : All Customs field formations including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to prevent and detect smuggling of contraband items including arms and ammunition.