

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:455
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2009
SMUGGLING OF CHINESE COMMODITIES
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large scale smuggling of Chinese goods like garlic and arecanuts is taking place at various parts of Bihar along Indo-Nepal border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite having a custom office at Laukaha in Madhubani district of Bihar, dozens of trucks loaded with Chinese goods enter India from Nepal and out of which almost 14 trucks were seized by a special team of the Department of Customs at Sakri in October; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Cases of smuggling of Chinese goods like garlic and arecanuts from Nepal into India in various parts of Bihar along Xndo-Nepal border have been detected by the Customs Preventive formations. Details of such cases booked for 2006-07 onwards are indicated in Annexure at part `A` & `B`.
- (c)&(d) Yes, Sir.The officers of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Lucknow unit effected a seizure of 13 trucks. 11 trucks seized were containing Betelnuts and 2 trucks had Chinese Garlic, The seizure was effected at Sakri, Mahudhubani, Bihar in the month of October, 2009. 3 persons were arrested in the case. Details are in Annexure at part `C` & `d`.