

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BORDER TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the machinery of the Government presently available to check smuggling and illegal trading;
- (b) whether the Government has plans to set up Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) to smoothen land border trade with neighbouring countries;
- (c) if so, the areas identified therefore;
- (d) the response of neighbouring countries thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) Land Customs Stations have been notified along the land borders of neighbouring countries through which goods which have been imported or being exported through authorized routes are cleared on payment of applicable duties of Customs. Customs officers posted at land Customs Stations are alert to checking smuggling through LCS by way of mis-declaration or concealment. Customs Preventive formations have been deployed along the land borders to check smuggling and illegal trading through unauthorized routes. Directorate General of Revenue Intelligence functions as the apex intelligence agency in combating smuggling and illegal trading activities along the land borders by way of collecting, analyzing and disseminating information and intelligence on such activities and taking action to detect, investigate and prevent the activities. A close liaison is maintained with other enforcement agencies in India and abroad for this purpose.

(b) to (c) Yes Sir. Government of India is developing Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) initially at 13 locations on the India-Nepal, India-Bangladesh, India- Pakistan and India-Myanmar borders. The ICPs would house the regulatory agencies concerned with movement of goods and people with facilities to support the functioning of these agencies and necessary trade infrastructure such as warehouses, parking lots etc. The list of 13 ICPs proposed to be developed is at Annex-A.

(d) The initiative has been welcomed by the neighbouring countries.