GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1994 ANSWERED ON:08.03.2011 SMUGGLING OF EXPLOSIVES Muttemwar Shri Vilas Baburao

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of transborder smuggling of explosives including Ammonium Nitrate in the various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise, State-wise;

(c) the details of explosive seized, persons arrested/convicted in this regard; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to check such incidents in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): As per available reports, the quantity of explosives seized in States along the Broder is annexed as a Statement. Information on persons arrested/ convicted in this regard is not centrally maintained.

(d): The Govt. of India has, inter-alia, taken the following steps to check smuggling of explosives:

(i) Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round- the-clock surveillance & patrolling (on foot, by boats and vehicles), laying Nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along with international border.

(ii) Erection of fencing along the international border and floodlighting of the border to enhance the observation during night.

(iii) Random checking of persons and vehicles crossing the border on the basis of specific intelligence.

(iv) Introduction of High-Tech Surveillance equipment for further enhancing border domination.

(v) Upgradation of Intelligence network and coordination among various agencies.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF L0K SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1994 FOR 08.03.2011

STATE-WISE EXPLOSIVES SEIZED (IN KG.)

YEAR JAMMU & ASSAM MEGHALAYA MANIPUR NAGALAND MIZORAM TRIPURA KASHMIR 2008 0 225 0 1 2 0 0 2009 0 2.725 0 0 0 0.5 0 2010 1.5 0 0.56 0.115 0 0 23