GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3021 ANSWERED ON:19.08.2011 OPIUM GROWERS Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of opium growers in the country specially in backward area till date;

(b) the State-wise production capacity thereof; and

(c) the security measures taken or proposed to be taken to check looting and killing of these producers by illegal traders of drugs?

Answer

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

(a) Details are given in the Annexure.

(b) State-wise opium production in the crop year 2010-11 is as under:

SI.NO. State Opium production in 2010-11 In Metric Tons at 70 degree consistence

 Madhya Pradesh 528
Rajasthan 483
Uttar Pradesh 3 Total 1014##

figures are provisional as final analysis reports of opium tendered ore awaited.

(c) Law and order being a State subject, appropriate security measures, including those in respect of opium growers, are taken by the State Police. However, Central Bureau of Narcotics makes arrangements for security at the Weighment Centres when opium is collected from the growers.