

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF KFERTILZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large scale smuggling of fertilizers from India to Bangladesh and Nepal is taking place ;
- (b) If so, the names of such States and loss of suffered every year as a result thereof ; and
- (c) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c) : No such confirmed report of smuggling of fertilizers from India to Bangladesh and Nepal has been received from the State Governments. However, State Governments have been advised by the Department of Fertilizer to keep a vigil and to check smuggling of fertilizers from India to other neighbouring countries through land and sea routes.

Similarly Union Home Ministry has also alerted Border guarding forces viz. Border Security Forces (BSF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Assam Rifles and Shashastra Seema Bal and Coast Guard to maintain strict vigilance on the borders to curb smuggling, if any, of fertilizers. Further Union Home Secretary has also addressed the Chief Secretaries to the Government of Arunachal pradesh, Assam Bihar, Gujarat, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Pubjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, utter Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal to sensitize the authorities concerned to curb the smuggling, if any, of fertilizers into the neighboring countries.