

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF CHEAP FUEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Indian fishing boats are falling into terror traps through buying cheap Iranian fuel from high sea traffickers;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check smuggling of cheap Iranian fuel in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per available information, there are no reports that Indian fishing boats are falling into terror traps through buying cheap Iranian fuel from high sea traffickers.

(c): Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard are carrying out surveillance of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and adjacent high Sea by ships and aircrafts. Efforts have also been augmented in territorial waters by Indian Navy, Marine Police, Customs and other agencies to enhance Coastal surveillance.