GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of seizure of drugs including pseudo-ephedrine drugs have increased at the airports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported, persons apprehended and quantum of drugs seized during each of the last three years and the current year, airport-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to curb the said menace?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per the report of Narcotics Control Bureau, the details of quantum of drugs seized including pseudo-ephedrine, cases reported and persons arrested during the last three years and the current year, airport-wise are enclosed at annexure.
- (c): Various steps have been taken to check, detect and prevent illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances (NDPS) in general, which among other things include the following:
- (i) Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.
- (ii) Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points.
- (iii) Strengthening of the intelligence apparatus to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence.
- (iv) Conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.
- (v) Financial assistance has been provided to eligible States for strengthening their narcotic units.
- (vi) Implementing a scheme of monetary rewards to informers and officers for information leading to seizures of Narcotic drugs.
- (vii) Improved coordination to enhance co-operation among the various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies.
- (viii) Increased international co-operation, for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals.