GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2385 ANSWERED ON:12.03.2013 SMUGGLING AT INTERNATIONAL BORDERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of smuggling of fake currency, drugs and weapons etc. from across the border in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported and persons arrested along with the items seized during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise;
- (c) the details of the action taken thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check smuggling at the borders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Border-wise details of cases of smuggling of fake currency, drugs and weapons along the international borders of the country during the last three years and the current year and the number of persons arrested along with the items seized, are as under:-

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Indo-Bangladesh Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested &
  (In Nos.) Currency Notes (In Kg) item description
   (In Rs.)
2010 70 3226900 9292 40(Arms), 55(FICN),
       111 (Narcotics)
2011 45 4486300 8598 29(Arms), 55(FICN),
       56(Narcotics)
2012 38 6609900 3161 29(Arms), 88(FICN),
       73 (Narcotics)
2013(Till Feb) 08 1271500 728 6(Arms), 6(FICN),
       1 (Narcotics)
Indo-Pakistan Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested&
  (In Nos.) Currency Notes (In Kg) item description
    (In Rs.)
2010 17 13783500 146 3(Arms), 1(FICN),
       1 (Narcotics)
2011 15 4445500 75 3(Arms), 3(FICN),
       7 (Narcotics)
2012 23 6041500 321 1(Arms), 2(FICN),
       15 (Narcotics)
2013 01 2136500 40 1(Arms),
(Till Feb)
       1 (Narcotics)
Indo-Myanmar Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested &
  (In Nos.) Currency Notes (In Kg) item description
   (In Rs.)
2010 190 11900 25352.61 63(Arms), 2(FICN),
       71 (Narcotics)
2011 140 7000 11137.42 413 (Arms), 3 (FICN),
       54 (Narcotics)
2012 213 158000 5575.68 163(Arms), 5(FICN),
       51 (Narcotics)
2013 88 13200 328.68 29(Arms), 4(FICN),
(Till Feb)
       9 (Narcotics)
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Indo-Nepal Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested &
  (In Nos.) Currency Notes (Rs. In Cr) item description
   (In Rs.)
2010 25 592000 63.2 20(Arms), 11(FICN),
       165 (Narcotics)
2011 06
         74000 46.84 3(Arms), 1(FICN),
       162 (Narcotics)
2012 17 149000 27.74 14(Arms), 5(FICN),
      118 (Narcotics)
2013 06 5000 13.44 1(Arms), 1(FICN),
(Till Feb)
       34 (Narcotics)
Indo-Bhutan Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested &
 (In Nos.) Currency Notes (Rs. In Cr) item description
   (In Rs.)
2010 11 6000 0.87 4(Arms), 1(FICN),
       6 (Narcotics)
2011 10
         313000 0.25 8 (Arms), 3 (FICN),
      9(Narcotics)
2012 08 Nil 0.30 1(Arms), 3(Narcotics)
2013 08 Nil 0.015 3(Arms)
(Till Feb)
Indo-China Border
Year Arms Fake Indian Narcotics Persons Arrested &
 (In Nos.) Currency Notes (Rs. In Cr) item description
   (In Rs.)
2010 Nil Nil Nil Nil
2011 Nil Nil Nil Nil
2012 Nil Nil Nil Nil
2013 Nil Nil Nil Nil
(Till Feb)
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- (c) The seized Items are handed over to the Custom/Narcotics Control Bureau/ Police and arrested persons are handed over to State Police for further action.
- (d) The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check smuggling activities along international borders of the country. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia includes:
- # Effective domination of the border by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the International Border. The Riverine segments of International Border are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of BSF water wings.
- # Construction of fencing, patrol roads, floodlighting systems and additional Border Out Posts.
- # Induction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments. The constant efforts are being made to procure the latest surveillance equipments fully equipped with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.
- # Up-gradation of intelligence network and co-ordination with sister agencies, conduct of special operations along the border.