

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DRUGS INFLOW FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recent drug seizures made from cement imports from Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details of such seizures made during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop/check drug infiltration under the guise of normal imports from Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI J.D.SEELAM)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The details of seizure of drug concealed in the cement imports by train from Pakistan for the last three years and current year are as under:-

| Year | No. of cases | Qty seized (in kgs.) | Value of seized drugs (in Rs. Crores) |
|---------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| 2010-11 | - | - | - |
| 2011-12 | - | - | - |
| 2012-13 | 5 | 143.5 | 588.84 |
| 2013-14 | 1 | 9.874 | 49.37 |

(upto Jul,13)

(c) The Government has taken various measures viz:-

- (i) The issue of smuggling of heroin, in sealed train wagons with cement, has been taken up with Pakistan Customs during the Customs Liaison Border Committee (CLBC) meetings to ensure effective supervision at Lahore Railway Station of loading and sealing of cargo wagons bound for Amritsar.
- (ii) A trained sniffer dog squad has been inducted into service since June, 2013 to detect smuggling of drugs from Pakistan.
- (iii) Customs officers deployed at the Rail Cargo Complex are on alert with utmost vigilance during examination of all goods imported from Pakistan.
- (iv) Effective coordination with Railway Authorities for enhanced security during transit and in cargo areas.