

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there are reports that fertilizers are being smuggled out of the country to Nepal, Bangladesh and other countries;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the quantum of fertilizers seized therein during the last three years and the current year, border-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to check the smuggling of fertilizers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There have been instances of smuggling of fertilizers out of the country to Nepal, Bangladesh and other countries. Details of seizures during the last three years and current year upto 30-11-2013, are as under:

Border	2010	2011	2012	2013
Indo-Nepal				
(Qty. in no. of bags)	28094	12953	10555	4450
Indo-Bhutan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Indo-Myanmar				
(Qty. in Kgs)	Nil	Nil	9500	Nil
Indo-Bangladesh				
(Qty. in Kgs)	83938	8477	45980	75561
Indo-Pakistan	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Indo-China	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c): Steps taken by Government to prevent smuggling activities along the borders are as under:

- i) Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs), which are prone to smuggling. These BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional manpower, special surveillance equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure support.
- ii) Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders, viz. patrolling, laying nakas, establishing of observation posts all along the International Border (IB).
- iii) Fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan Border.
- iv) Installation of border Floodlights along the Border.
- v) Introduction of Force multipliers and Hi-Tech Surveillance equipments such as Long Range Reconnaissance & Observation system (LORROS), Battle Field Surveillance Radars (BFSR), Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Night Vision Device/ Goggles (NVDs/NVGs) etc. Constant efforts are being made to procure the latest surveillance equipments for further enhancing the border domination.
- vi) Up-gradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies.
- vii) Conduct of special operations along the border and in-depth areas.
- viii) Frequent visit to border by unit Commandants and senior officers to supervise effective domination of the border.
- ix) Better coordination with Border Guards of neighbouring countries including simultaneous coordinated patrol in these areas.