

**Title: Need to take concrete measures to check smuggling of heroin in the country- Laid.**

**SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE (JORHAT) : India continues to be in disrepute as the major transit point for heroin trafficking as revealed in 2001 of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) Report. The old stigma sticks to India as in the past most of the heroin is smuggled into countries in Europe and North America through the usual route of Golden Gescent Zone. The Report emphasizes the point that ports in southern India are increasingly being used for smuggling drugs as evidence<sup>4d</sup> by the sharp increase in seizures of consignments of narcotic drugs by sea along routes leading from India to Sri Lanka. It is imperative that our Government took determined action to curb this clandestine trans-border narcotic trade activity. Otherwise, our commitment to fight the drug menace will ring hollow. Besides, it is time for the Government to sit up and take notice of the use of internet and other technologies by drug cartels in other parts of the world as alleged by INCB Report, which complicate the struggle against the illegal drug trade. Failing this, narcotic sales will soon enter the cyber space in a big way in our country as it booms now in some other countries.**