

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:781  
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SMUGGLING ALONG EASTERN COAST  
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there has been a drastic increase in smuggling activities along the eastern coast of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons arrested along the eastern coast for smuggling activities;
- (d) the action taken by the Government against them; and
- (e) the action being taken by the Government to check the smuggling activities along the eastern coast?

**Answer**

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b),(c) &(d) : Details of the cases booked, persons arrested and action taken during last three years is as below :

YEAR	NO. OF CASES BOOKED	NO. OF PERSONS ARRESTED	NO. OF PERSONS ARRESTED	ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE
2000-2001	121	21		Prosecuted
2001-2002	120	15		Do
2002-2003	109	15		Do
2003-2004	38	NIL		Do

(UPTO JUNE` 2003)

(e) : All Customs field formations including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of any contraband goods along the eastern coast of the country.