

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3183
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HAUL OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of large haul of drugs seized in the country during the last one year;
- (b) whether involvement of ISI or any such agency could be established in such haul;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken to intensify vigilance at different places along the international borders to curb such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

- (a): Sir, During 1999 there have been 30 large hauls of drugs. These include seizure of Heroin (5 Kgs. & above), Hashish(20 Kgs. & above), Methaqualone (over 100 Kgs.) and Opium (over 40 Kgs.).
- (b) & (c) : Although in some of the cases the suspected source of the seized drugs was Pakistan/Afghanistan, no direct involvement of ISI or any such agency could be established.
- (d): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy, which includes constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts, gearing up of the intelligence machinery, modernization and upgradation of police, border fencing, intensified border patrolling, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict drugs on the borders etc.