

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3900
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2005
ARMS CONSIGNMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether reports of an arms consignment, reaching Jambudwip in the Sunderbans, sent the intelligence agencies, defence and State Government into a tizzy on 27th September, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details of various types of arms recovered;
- (c) the country from which the said consignment came to Jambudwip;
- (d) whether terrorist outfits have set up their bases in Bangladesh, which is fast emerging as a centre for transaction of arms and explosives;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with Bangladesh authorities;
- (f) if so, the reaction of Bangladesh thereto;
- (g) whether ISI agents are trying to build their network in Sunderbans by taking fishermen into confidence in exchange of fishing rights in Bangladesh waters and other rewards; and
- (h) if so, the action taken by the Government to check such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a): The matter was inquired into, but no such arms consignment was found.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.
- (d): Some terrorist outfits are reported to be having bases in Bangladesh.
- (e) & (f): Government has taken up India's security concern with the Government of Bangladesh and both sides have agreed to work on security issues closely.
- (g): There is no such report.
- (h): Does not arise.