

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF DRUGS AND ARMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has stepped up surveillance and devised new system to combat drug trafficking and smuggling of arms ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The details of the various types of such cases reported during 2006 and persons apprehended thereof ;
- (d) The States which are mostly used as major transit points for smuggling; and
- (e) The measures the Government proposes to check smuggling of drugs and arms from other countries ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Government have taken a number of steps in this regard which, inter- alia include
 - (i) deployment of security forces and strict surveillance at borders, airports, check posts etc.,
 - (ii) intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes,
 - (iii) improved coordination between various law enforcing agencies,
 - (iv) increased International co-operation and liaison for exchange of information,
 - (v) building of electronic data base of offenders and suspects,
 - (vi) training of law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills etc.
- (c) As per available information, the position in 2006 (up to Nov., 2006) is as under :

	Drugs	Arms
Cases reported	12,202	122
Persons	14,051	85

- (d) As per available reports, States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab, J&K, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram and UT of Delhi are having vulnerable transit points for illicit trafficking in drugs. As regards smuggling of arms, all States along the Eastern and Western land borders are reportedly vulnerable.
- (e) Government have also undertaken the construction of fencing, flood lighting and roads along India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders in order to curb infiltration, smuggling and other anti-national activities from across these borders. The Government have also decided to deploy hi-tech electronic surveillance equipment on the borders of the country to act as force multiplier for effective management of the borders. Security is also being upgraded to tighten vigil on the coastal areas.