

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION 68
ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2022

Drug trafficking through sea routes

68. Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that drug trafficking through sea routes is estimated to account for around 70 per cent of total illegal drugs smuggled into the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what are the steps Government is taking to control the smuggling of drugs into the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FINANCE

(SMT NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 68 for answer on December 13, 2022 raised by Shri Sanjay Raut, Member of Parliament regarding 'Drug trafficking through sea routes'

(a) As per inputs received from Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), main drugs smuggled through sea route are Heroin, Cocaine, Hashish and Amphetamine type Stimulants (ATS). The percentage of these drugs smuggled through sea route vis a vis total seizures is significant, though their percentage varies from year to year.

(b) The details are as follows:

Year	Drug	Total quantity seized (in Kg)	Quantity smuggled through sea routes (in Kg)	Percentage of sea route seizures to total seizures of drugs
2021	Heroin	7197	4242	59%
	Cocaine	364	303	83%
	Hashish	4197	-	0%
	ATS	387	-	0%
2022 (upto 30.09. 2022)	Heroin	3017	1664	55%
	Cocaine	122	103	84%
	Hashish	2267	529	23%
	ATS	725	221	30%

(c) Various Central law enforcement agencies and state police departments monitor and control drug smuggling in India. A Narco Co-ordination Centre (NCORD) has been set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs for effective co-ordination among various law enforcement agencies. A dedicated Anti Narcotics Task Force has been established in each of the 35 states/ union territories to control menace of drug trafficking. The Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG) set up under the aegis of National Security Council Secretariat, also monitors smuggling of drugs through sea routes.
