

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 868**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 23, 1944
(SAKA)**

SMUGGLING OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY FROM ACROSS BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that counterfeit currency notes are being smuggled from across the border on a large scale;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of fake currency seized at the borders in denominations of 2000 and 500 by the security forces so far;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that circulation of fake currency is rampant in the country;**
- (d) the total estimated fake currency in circulation in the country; and**
- (e) the measures taken to check circulation and smuggling of fake currency in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is the nodal agency, which compiles the data on crimes including the fake currency notes, as reported to it by the States and the Union Territories, and publishes the same in its annual publication 'Crime in India'. The published reports are available till the year 2021. The details of fake currencies seized during the last three years i.e. 2019 to 2021, including border areas, by the security forces, are as per the Annexure. However, the data does not reveal any particular pattern about circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN).

(e): To counter the menace of fake currency, Intelligence and Security Agencies of Centre and State Governments keep a close watch on the elements involved in the circulation and smuggling of fake currency in the country and take action on any reported violation of law. The Government has taken various measures, which inter-alia, include:-

- i) The production or smuggling or circulation of High Quality Fake Indian Currency has been made a terrorist act under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.**
- ii) A Fake Indian Currency Note Coordination Group (FCORD) has been formed by the Ministry of Home Affairs to share intelligence/information among the security agencies of the states/centre to counter the problem of circulation of fake currency notes in the country.**
- iii) A Terror Funding and Fake Currency (TFFC) Cell has been constituted in National Investigation Agency (NIA) to conduct focused investigation of terror funding and fake currency cases.**
- iv) Security at the international borders has been strengthened by using new surveillance technology, deploying additional manpower for round the clock surveillance, establishing observation posts along the international border, erection of border fencing and intensive patrolling.**

- v) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Bangladesh to prevent and counter smuggling and circulation of fake currency notes.**
- vi) Training programmes are conducted for the Police officials of States and of Nepal and Bangladesh to sensitize them about smuggling/ counterfeiting of Indian currency.**
- vii) The Reserve Bank of India has taken various measures including augmenting security features on bank notes so as to render counterfeiting difficult and expensive and has been running awareness programmes for public and cash handlers so as to facilitate detection of counterfeit.**

Year 2019

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Denomination –wise details			Total Number of FICN Seized	Total Face Value of FICN
		2000	500 (Old)	500 (New)		
States						
1	Andhra Pradesh	7,292	81	9,266	40,000	3,70,85,600
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	325	4	955	1,775	12,17,850
4	Bihar	230	190	283	2,243	8,43,500
5	Chhattisgarh	345	0	578	1,116	9,97,650
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	14,494	2,552	5,558	44,580	3,77,44,010
8	Haryana	0	0	44	593	1,03,200
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	70	13	324	1,811	4,82,500
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	23,599	0	706	26,800	4,78,26,150
13	Kerala	3,559	179	1,820	6,802	83,43,700
14	Madhya Pradesh	563	0	867	3,517	17,42,100
15	Maharashtra	6,848	0	9,256	24,245	1,92,18,450
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	2,664	1,915	913	5,492	67,42,000
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0
20	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0
21	Punjab	1,601	50	4,410	9,646	60,30,300
22	Rajasthan	429	968	1,777	7,983	61,65,650
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	3,208	89	4,288	12,699	94,59,860
25	Telangana	24	9	2	310	81,900
26	Tripura	9	0	16	31	26,600
27	Uttar Pradesh	2,683	785	2,056	12,976	77,67,810
28	Uttarakhand	2	2	2	20	10,200
29	West Bengal	13,637	3,521	4,919	24,037	3,17,43,450
	NIA	0	316	0	316	1,58,000
	Total States	81,582	10,674	48,040	2,26,992	22,37,90,480
Union Territories (UTs)						
1	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0
2	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0
3	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
4	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
5	Delhi	8,979	2,426	4,853	60,384	3,01,05,950
6	Lakshadweep	5	0	0	9	10,800
7	Puducherry	0	0	0	19	1,900
	Total UTs	8,984	2,426	4,853	60,412	3,01,18,650
	Total (All)	90,566	13,100	52,893	2,87,404	25,39,09,130

Year 2020

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Denomination –wise details			Total Number of FICN Seized	Total Face Value of FICN
		2000	500 (Old)	500 (New)		
States						
1	Andhra Pradesh	4,241	350	11,102	17,705	1,44,50,550
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	45	0	1,111	1,156	6,45,500
4	Bihar	0	0	23	657	1,11,300
5	Chhattisgarh	0	4	4,263	5,334	23,27,560
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	2,467	84	5,384	20,360	87,96,490
8	Haryana	115	0	2,703	2,818	15,81,500
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
11	Karnataka	490	163	2,341	3,306	22,67,150
12	Kerala	941	42	1,423	2,951	26,96,750
13	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	2,085	2,02,200
14	Maharashtra	2,19,697	0	1,56,281	6,99,495	83,61,23,400
15	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0
16	Meghalaya	7	0	0	7	14,000
17	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
18	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0
19	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0
20	Punjab	3,243	80	4,237	14,444	95,80,200
21	Rajasthan	573	0	2,064	6,190	27,34,950
22	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	3,817	0	3,806	11,005	1,00,37,300
24	Telangana	0	0	0	0	0
25	Tripura	0	0	9	23	4,820
26	Uttar Pradesh	528	2,324	801	17,078	38,79,260
27	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0
28	West Bengal	8,345	2,742	13,129	24,227	2,46,27,250
	NIA	0	0	0	0	0
	Total States	2,44,509	5,789	2,08,677	8,28,841	92,00,80,180
Union Territories (UTs)						
1	A & N Islands	0	0	2	2	1,000
2	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0
3	D & N Haveli & Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0
4	Delhi	36	0	0	3,476	4,16,000
5	Jammu & Kashmir	289	0	1,006	2,628	12,83,300
6	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0
8	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0
	Total UTs	325	0	1,008	6,106	17,00,300
	Total (All)	2,44,834	5,789	2,09,685	8,34,947	92,17,80,480

Year 2021

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Denomination –wise details		Total Number of FICN Seized	Total Face Value of FICN
		2000	500		
States					
1	Andhra Pradesh	23,64,000	51,18,000	20,704	1,47,21,300
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	4,204	21,00,500
3	Assam	1,00,000	94,44,000	16,900	82,23,850
4	Bihar	1,08,92,000	74,10,500	1,547	4,01,390
5	Chhattisgarh	0	48,500	497	1,69,600
6	Goa	2,74,000	9,60,000	13	26,000
7	Gujarat	0	0	18,102	1,01,42,780
8	Haryana	0	0	2,015	13,55,600
9	Himachal Pradesh	11,58,000	32,35,500	27	9,500
10	Jharkhand	2,18,000	58,06,000	1,782	3,60,900
11	Karnataka	24,50,000	1,41,40,500	19,847	90,88,950
12	Kerala	83,92,000	2,45,41,000	11,805	1,95,03,000
13	Madhya Pradesh	4,36,000	77,73,000	10,930	82,60,500
14	Maharashtra	0	0	35,450	1,63,09,750
15	Manipur	2,00,000	37,88,500	1,122	11,22,000
16	Meghalaya	0	0	205	1,10,000
17	Mizoram	0	0	2,390	11,95,000
18	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
19	Odisha	2,22,000	3,14,500	0	0
20	Punjab	12,76,000	45,03,000	7,274	35,29,100
21	Rajasthan	0	0	5,723	21,74,940
22	Sikkim	10,000	2,56,000	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	30,68,000	89,50,500	50,086	6,13,03,170
24	Telangana	15,70,000	49,77,500	9,851	67,49,310
25	Tripura	0	4,000	125	91,000
26	Uttar Pradesh	43,94,000	5,12,500	21,014	44,71,900
27	Uttarakhand	0	0	1,173	3,76,100
28	West Bengal	1,48,000	3,50,000	15,918	1,12,31,500
	Total States	3,71,72,000	10,21,33,500	2,58,704	18,30,27,640
Union Territories (UTs)					
1	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0
2	Chandigarh	0	0	80	40,000
3	D & N Haveli & Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0
4	Delhi	1,00,28,000	1,50,96,000	50,151	2,05,42,070
5	Jammu & Kashmir	12,78,000	85,69,500	1,122	3,17,100
6	Ladakh	0	0	0	0
7	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
8	Puducherry	0	0	9	850
	Total UTs	1,13,06,000	2,36,65,500	51,362	2,09,00,020
	Total (All)	4,84,78,000	12,57,99,000	3,10,066	20,39,27,660