GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3681

TO BE ANSWERED ON <u>FRIDAY 24th MARCH</u>, 2017 3 Chaitra, 1939 [SAKA]

Illegal Imports of Fireworks

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of cases of illegal imports of fireworks from China have been reported during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to prevent smuggling of fireworks from China?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b) Some cases of illegal import of Chinese fireworks have been detected by the Department during 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and the current financial year 2016-17 (upto December, 2016) wherein the Department has confiscated illegally imported fireworks valued at Rs. 3884.76 lakh.
- (c) The Customs field formations have been sensitized to keep constant vigil.
