

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1419
ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2023

SMUGGLING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has initiated diplomatic measures to deal with the possible smuggling of nuclear weapons and regional imbalance arising in Indian subcontinent in view of changing economic and political situation in neighboring country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also initiated efforts to check smuggling of nuclear weapon and uranium through international agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government monitors all developments having a bearing on national security and takes necessary steps to safeguard it. Government continues to monitor nuclear proliferation in India's neighbourhood. In the context of international discussions on nuclear security matters, India has raised concerns regarding the danger of nuclear explosives or fissile material falling into the hands of non-state actors and terrorists. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Interpol are the international institutions dealing with nuclear smuggling. India participates in both and has taken the necessary measures to tackle nuclear smuggling.
