

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2506**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2021/ SRAVANA 12, 1943 (SAKA)**

**SMUGGLING OF DRUGS AND ARMS**

**†2506. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether smuggling of drugs and arms is still going on in the borders areas of the country despite deployment of security forces;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) the details and the number of smugglers arrested during the last three years; and**

**(d) the steps taken by the Government to prevent smuggling in the border areas?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (c): Drugs like charas, ganja, brown sugar, heroin, opium, marijuana, etc., and arms have been seized along Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bhutan and Indo-Myanmar Borders by the concerned Border Guarding Forces, viz., Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Assam Rifles.**

**The number of smugglers arrested by the Border Guarding Forces from 2018 to 2020 are as follows:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Border</b>	<b>Number of smugglers arrested</b>
1.	<b>Indo-Pakistan</b>	<b>69</b>
2.	<b>Indo-Bangladesh</b>	<b>298</b>
3.	<b>Indo-Nepal</b>	<b>1069</b>
4.	<b>Indo-Bhutan</b>	
5.	<b>Indo-Myanmar</b>	<b>1629</b>

**(d): The following measures have been taken to prevent smuggling along the border areas:**

- (i) Detailed vulnerability mapping of Border, deployment of additional manpower, special surveillance equipments;**
- (ii) Round the clock surveillance of the border through patrolling, laying Nakas, installation of border fence and flood lights, introduction of force multipliers and Hi-tech surveillance equipments such as Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Night Vision Device (NVD), Long-Range Reconnaissance and Observation System (LORROS), Battle Field Surveillance Radar (BFSR), Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), etc;**
- (iii) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies;**

- (iv) **Conduct of special operations along the border and in depth areas;**
- (v) **Establishment of observation posts, Areas Domination Patrols along the border, use of water craft and boats for domination of riverine area of International Border, etc.**

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