SMUGGLING OF DRUGS AND ARMS

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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:

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<th>S. No.</th>
<th>Name of Border</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Indo-Pakistan</td>
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(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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