GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 396

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th NOVEMBER, 2021/AGRAHAYANA 9,1943 (SAKA)

SMUGGLING OF DRUGS

396. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the central agencies have seized large quantity of drug (Heroin) in the State of Gujarat including Mundra Port in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including total quantum and the value of drugs in international market;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any detailed inquiry into the matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the details of the sender and receiver of the drugs;
- (e) whether the privatization of ports and airports has caused increase in large scale smuggling of drugs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Central Government Drug Law Enforcement Agencies have seized

Heroin in the State of Gujarat including the port of Mundra. Details are

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at Annexure-I. National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken up investigation of a case registered vide RC-26/2021/NIA/DLI, dated 06.10.2021, related to seizure of 2988.21 Kgs of Narcotics Substance (Heroin) worth Rs. 21,000 Crore at T.G. Terminals Pvt. Ltd. Container Freight Station, Mundra Port, Gujarat, which was initially seized by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Gandhidham Regional Unit, between 17.09.2021 and 19.09.2021.

(e) & (f): There is no specific data or study to show any linkage between privatization of airports/seaports and increase in large scale smuggling of drugs.

Quantity of Heroin seized by Central Drug Law Enforcement Agencies (DLEAs) in Gujarat State for the year 2018-2021 (up to September)

| Year | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020* | 2021* (upto Sept) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|--------|-------|----------------------|
| Heroin seized by all Central | Quantity (in Kg) | 1.9 | 233.94 | 0 | 2990.97 |
| DLEAs in Gujarat State | Cases | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |

^{*}provisional data Source NCB