GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022/SRAVANA 4, 1944 (SAKA)
JURISDICTION OF BSF

1449. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the increased jurisdiction of Border Security Forces (BSF) has achieved in nabbing the drug menace in State of Punjab and, if so, the details thereof and;
- (b) whether any supply of weapons, drones etc. have been caught in these months and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The extension in territorial jurisdiction of BSF in Punjab and some other States/UTs was aimed at empowering BSF to discharge its border guarding duties more effectively in the wake of use of technology like Dynamic Remotely Operated Navigation Equipment (Drones), Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAVs), etc. generally having long range, by anti-national forces for surveillance as well as for smuggling of arms, narcotics and fake Indian Currency Notes.

Due to increased territorial jurisdiction, BSF has achieved success in curbing smuggling of drugs and other contraband items and the following items were seized/recovered in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Punjab

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Frontier of BSF from the date of issue of Notification extending territorial jurisdiction, i.e., 11.10.2021 till 15.07.2022:-

- (i) 03 Pakistani Drones along with 14.390 kg. of heroin.
- (ii) 01 Indian and 03 Pakistani Drones.
- (iii) 26.500 kg. heroin and arms/ammunition (Pistol 01, Magazine 02, Ammunition 22, Detonators 06, Cordex 12, RDX 4.750 kg) as well as Indian Currency of Rs.1.0 Lakh dropped by Pakistani Drones.

The total amount of contraband seized during the above mentioned period is as under:-

Heroin - 314.045 kgs.

Opium - 1.582 kgs.

• Weapons - 48 Nos.

Ammunition - 553 Bullets

• Pakistani Drones - 06 Nos.

Indian Drone - 01 No.

Magazine - 92 Nos.

Detonators - 06 Nos.

• Cordex - 12 Nos.

• RDX - 4.750 kgs.

Indian Currency - Rs.1.0 Lakh
