

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1856

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 31th JULY, 2015
SHRAVANA 9, 1937 [SAKA]

Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products

1856. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has received data from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) about the illicit domestic trade of tobacco products has increased fourfold along with corresponding increase of illegal tobacco import during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to counter the illegal tobacco trade?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
[SHRI JAYANT SINHA]

(a) and (b) The details of illegal tobacco import detected by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) during the last three years and the current year State/UT- wise is enclosed at Annexure-A.

(c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence issues alerts and advices field formations from time to time to keep strict vigil so as to prevent/check smuggling in the country.

| ANNEXURE -A | |
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| P.Q No 1856 regarding Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products | |
| 2012-13 | |
| STATES/UT | Foreign Cigarettes Seized (In thousand units) |
| Gujarat | 4420 |
| Delhi | 11799.2 |
| Tamil Nadu | 3071 |
| Telangana | 33 |
| Maharashtra | 17358 |
| Total | 36681.2 |
| 2013-14 | |
| STATES/UT | Foreign Cigarettes Seized (in thousand units) |
| West Bengal | 7244 |
| Punjab | 1008 |
| Tamil Nadu | 4276 |
| Total | 12528 |
| 2014-15 | |
| STATES/UT | Foreign Cigarettes Seized (In thousand units) |
| West Bengal | 25114 |
| Delhi | 4392 |
| Tamil Nadu | 0.48 |
| Telangana | 23085.2 |
| Maharashtra | 18710.8 |
| Gujarat | 32096 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 19294.17 |
| Total | 122692.65 |
| 2015-16 till date | |
| STATES/UT | Foreign Cigarettes Seized (In thousand units) |
| West Bengal | 9345.6 |
| Delhi | 7750 |
| Gujarat | 1739.56 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4952.8 |
| Tamil Nadu | 340 |
| Maharashtra | 6244.8 |
| Total | 30372.76 |