

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2078  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**ENTRY OF SHIP FROM SRI LANKA**

2078. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a ship containing weapons entering into the Indian water from Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sought any information from Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and
- (c) the response received by the Government from Sri Lankan authorities in this regard?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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- (a) As per available information, no ship carrying weapons has entered into Indian waters from Sri Lanka. However, a vessel MV Seaman Guard Ohio (Flag Sierra Leone) carrying arms and ammunition was interdicted by Indian Coast Guard within our territorial waters and escorted to Tuticorin Port on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and handed over to local police. An FIR was registered by Marine Police Station, Tharuvaikulam against crew / security guards present on board.**

**(b) & (c): Do not arise.**

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