

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3071
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2015

CARGO CONTAINERS

3071. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the terrorists are reportedly using cargo containers for human trafficking and smuggling of arms and ammunitions through sea route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to check such activities;
- (c) whether big sized x-ray or gama-ray scanners that can be used to scan all cargo containers are not available in all major and small ports in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action/steps taken/being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) No, Madam. No such incident has been detected.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)to(e):Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) have installed 4 Mobile Gamma Ray Container Scanners at Chennai Port, Kandla Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port(JNPT) and V.O.Chidambaranar Port. It has also installed 3 Fixed X-ray Container Scanners at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai Port and V.O.Chidambaranar Port. In the second phase, 3 X-ray based Drive Through (Road) Container Scanners at the ports of JNPT, Mundra and Cochin and 2 Drive Through (Rail) Container Scanners at JNPT and Mundra ports are being installed.
