

- (i) Knowledge of local language of the State concerned at least up to Matriculation level
- (ii) Typing and Computer knowledge are desirable qualification, however, attendance in aptitude test and computer test (including typing skill) is mandatory for selection.

(b) Yes, Sir. The recruitment process for the post of Postal Assistant in Chhindwara Division has been completed recently. Applications of all candidates who did not possess diploma in computer education were rejected inadvertently.

(c) No, Sir. There was a mistake on the part of the Recruiting Unit (Chhindwara division in Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle) and some eligible applicants were denied the opportunity to appear in the said examination.

(d) Misinterpretation of the Recruitment procedure prescribed for Postal Assistant examination led to rejection of applications on the basis of non-availability of diploma in computer education.

#### **Smuggling of PDS foodgrains**

\*458. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Distribution System (PDS) foodgrains from godowns of FCI are being smuggled/diverted to Bangladesh via Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of foodgrains recovered from smugglers during last three years, alongwith the smugglers arrested, Statewise; and

(d) the details of cases lodged against smugglers and other action taken against them to prevent illegal smuggling and diversion of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (d) To prevent smuggling of foodgrains and other items from India to Nepal and Bangladesh, the Customs (Department of Revenue) and Security Forces are deployed at the borders.

There have been some reports and incidents of smuggling of Indian foodgrains across the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders.

The details of seizure of Indian foodgrains attempted to be illegally smuggled from India to Nepal, as reported by the Customs (Department of Revenue), are given in the Statement-I (See below).

As per report received from Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), details of foodgrains seized by SSB on India-Nepal border are given in Statement-II (See below).

Details of foodgrains recovered from smugglers along India-Bangladesh border as communicated by Border Security Force (BSF) are given in the Statement-III (See below).

The above mentioned agencies are maintaining strict vigil on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders to prevent smuggling activities.

**Statement-I**

*Statement indicating seizure of Indian foodgrains, reported by Department of Revenue, (Ministry of Finance) while attempted to be illegally smuggled from India to Nepal for the last three years (upto Oct, 2010)*

Year	No. of cases	Qty. of seized Indian Foodgrain (In metric ton)	Number of Persons Arrested.
2007-2008	215	423.24	02
2008-2009	398	1128.196	-
2009-2010	366	343.6892	-
2010-2011 (up to October, 10)	357	384.14	02

**Statement-II**

*Details of foodgrains seized by Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Ministry of Home Affairs on India-Nepal Border during the last three years and current year (upto 30.11.2010)*

Year	State	Quantity (in metric tons) of foodgrains*	Value in Rs.	Apprehension
1	2	3	4	5
2007	Uttar Pradesh	85.89	1345930	130
	Bihar	17.75	283545	8
	Uttarakhand	1.12	14220	0
	West Bengal	0.13	2300	8

1	2	3	4	5
2008	Uttar Pradesh	271.40	3442300	100
	Bihar	113.83	1248962	0
	Uttarakhand	0.025	500	0
	West Bengal	3.20	284100	20
2009	Uttar Pradesh	116.34	2026882	71
	Bihar	123.03	1772890	14
	Uttarakhand	2.72	40040	0
	West Bengal	2.47	39660	13
2010	Uttar Pradesh	242.27	4525215	235
	Bihar	502.93	11624693	49
	Uttarakhand	1.26	13290	9
	West Bengal	1.17	47045	4

\*Report from SSB includes pulses, paddy, rice, sugar, wheat and others.

**Statement-III**

*The details of food grains recovered from smugglers during last three years alongwith smugglers arrested, state-wise, by the BSF, along Indo-Bangladesh Border*

Year	State	Value in Rs.	Apprehension
2008	West Bengal	4920730	9
	Assam	3230510	-
	Meghalaya	440615	-
	Tripura	1011073	4
2009	West Bengal	2867345	2
	Assam	137598	-
	Meghalaya	48074	-
	Tripura	2544120	2
2010 (upto 30th Nov)	West Bengal	513832	2
	Assam	142540	1
	Meghalaya	235200	14
	Tripura	5170586	4