| Written Answers to | [21 MAR., 2012] | | Unstarred Questions | 161 |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Punjab | 999 | 986 | 1111 | 1113 |
| Rajasthan | 2535 | 2249 | 2724 | 2554 |
| Sikkim | 14 | 8 | 5 | 12 |
| Tamilnadu | 2617 | 1466 | 1454 | 1675 |
| Tripura | 44 | 37 | 50 | 64 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 53492 | 51270 | 49840 | 47602 |
| West Bengal | 1168 | 927 | 1256 | 1348 |
| Andaman and Nicobar | 22 | 19 | 20 | 40 |
| Chandigarh | 109 | 94 | 132 | 190 |
| Dadar and Nagar Haveli | 9 | 5 | 25 | 13 |
| Daman and Diu | 9 | 13 | 8 | 12 |
| Delhi | 5433 | 5228 | 5929 | 6874 |
| Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Puducherry | 78 | 52. | 49 | 65 |
| Chhattisgarh | 577 | 455 | 481 | 657 |
| Jharkhand | 1552 | 1306 | 1596 | 1583 |
| Uttarakhand | 1806 | 1870 | 2010 | 1771 |
| Total | 90512 | 81594 | 84359 | 84440 |

Decision to modernize and develop NSG

833. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to modernize and develop the National Security Guard (NSG) during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that Government had set up the forth and final regional hub of the NSG; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Government has set up four Regional Hubs at Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. These hubs have been operationalised on 30th June/1st July, 2009.

Smuggling of narcotics at Pakistan border

834. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that smugglers based in Pakistan are trying to sneak in narcotics at the Pakistan border in Punjab's Ferozepur district;
- (b) if so, the details of the seizure from Pak smugglers in the last one year; and
- (c) what effective steps the Ministry is taking to increase patrolling at border posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Seizure of 180.244 kgs South West Asian (SWA) origin heroin (a narcotic drug) during 2011 at the Indo-Pak border in various districts of Punjab including Ferozpur indicates that smugglers based in Pakistan are trying to sneak in narcotics by resorting to two main modus operandi:

- (i) Throwing the consignment over the fence which is retrieved by their Indian counterpart in Indian territory.
- (ii) The consignment is concealed in a plastic pipe beneath the fence and cleared by their Indian counterpart in Indian side.
 - Since these seizures are made at Indo-Pak border, it can be inferred that these are from Pak Smugglers.
- (c) Various steps have been taken to check, detect and prevent drug smuggling from the bordering countries, which among other things includes the following:
 - (i) Improved coordination among the various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies including border guarding forces in order to impart greater cohesion to interdiction.
 - (ii) Strengthening of the intelligence apparatus to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of operational intelligence.
 - (iii) Implementing a scheme of monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of Narcotic drugs to informers and officers.