

Smuggled narcotic drugs seized in Punjab and Goa

709. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of narcotic drugs reported, smugglers arrested and quantum of smuggled drugs seized during the last two years, particularly in Punjab and Goa;

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check smuggling of drugs in the country; and

(c) the details of corrective measures taken to destroy such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Promoting the use of Hindi in Government offices

†710. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to promote the use of Hindi in Government offices;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (c) Hindi is Official Language of the central government as per the policy of Union. The Government undertakes the following steps to promote the use of Government offices:

- i. An Annual Programme is issued by the Department of Official Language wherein targets are fixed for Central Government of offices for the use of official language Hindi.
- ii. Achievements regarding compliance of Annual Programme are laid on the Table of both the House of Parliament in the form of Annual Assessment Report.
- iii. The Department of Official Language conducts Hindi language, Hindi typing, translation and the use of Hindi on computer courses through its subordinate offices Central Hindi Training Institute and Central Translation Bureau for Central Government employees.

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