

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.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- iv. Official Language Implementation Committees are constituted in Central Government offices etc. to review the progressive use of Official language Hindi.
- v. Town Official Language Implementation Committees have been formed at town level to review the progressive use of Hindi in Central Govt. Offices etc.
- vi. Hindi Salahkar Samitis are constituted in Ministries/Departments to provide necessary guidelines.
- vii. The officers of 08 Regional Implementation Offices of Department of Official Language ensure compliance of official language policy through Official Language inspections etc.
- viii. The Official Language Policy of Union is based on inspiration, incentive and goodwill. Therefore various incentive schemes are being implemented by the Department of Official Language for Govt. of India offices/personnels to promote the use of Hindi.

Incidents of drones flying without permission

711. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of incidents of drones flying without permission have increased recently, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of action taken in these incidents;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to stop illegal selling and flying of drones; and
- (d) whether Government intends to formulate a permanent policy in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (d) The Government has received reports of drones flying without permissions. As of now, the Aircraft Rules do not cover registration, sale/purchase and flying of drones. Therefore, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation has restricted civilian use of drones/unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) *vide* public notice dated 07.10.2014 available on the DGCA website www.dgca.nic.in However, the DGCA is in the process of developing an interim operations guideline for civil use of UAS. Till such regulation are issued, no non government agency, organization or an individual is allowed to launch a UAS/Drones in Indian Civil Airspace for any purpose whatsoever.