

**Drug trafficking**

1976. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that drug trafficking is a trans-national crime;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to improve coordination with international agencies and other countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Drug trafficking is a trans-national crime.

(b) and (c) Government has taken a number of steps to improve coordination with international agencies and other countries. India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on drug related matters with 13 countries and Bilateral Agreements with 25 countries. Agency level talks are held with several countries including Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Singapore, Indonesia and Myanmar. Controlled delivery operations are carried out in coordination with counterparts of other countries. Close liaison and exchange of intelligence is maintained with Drug Liaison Officers posted by several countries in their missions in India. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the nodal drug law enforcement agency, is a part of the multilateral forum SAARC Drug Offences Monitoring Desk (SDOMD) which focuses on drug crimes in SAARC countries. Field Level Officers (FLO) Meetings between Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), Myanmar and NCB are held periodically to discuss drug related matters. Training programmes are conducted for law enforcement officials from neighbouring countries including Myanmar for upgrading their skills to combat drug menace, especially on border.

**Cyber forensic training labs**

1977. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sufficient facilities of cyber forensic training labs are not available in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that lack of such facility is hampering cyber investigation in the country; and
- (c) what steps are being taken to improve such facilities?