

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3248**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2021/ CHAITRA 3, 1943 (SAKA)

SMUGGLING OF PETROL AND DIESEL FROM NEPAL

3248 # SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petrol and diesel are being sold secretly in large scale in the districts of Bihar, which are bordered with Nepal, due to ₹15 to ₹20 difference in prices of petrol and diesel in Nepal as compared to India;

(b) the number of raids conducted, the quantum of illicit petrol and diesel seized and number of people against whom action has been taken during the last six months;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sashastra Seema Bal is not able to stop this smuggling; and

(d) the effective action Government would take to prevent this smuggling?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): Government of Bihar has informed that some such incidents have been reported in East Champaran, West Champaran and Araria Districts in Bihar. Seizure details of petrol and diesel in border districts of Bihar along Indo-Nepal border is enclosed as Annexure.

(c) & (d): Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Border Guarding Force along Indo-Nepal border, takes effective action to check smuggling and other illegal activities across the border. It takes various other measures like patrolling, nakabandi, checking of persons crossing the border both randomly and on the basis of inputs received from own sources/security agencies.

Annexure referred in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3248 for answer on 24.03.2021

SEIZURE DETAILS OF PETROL AND DIESEL IN BORDER DISTRICTS OF BIHAR ALONG INDO-NEPAL BORDER DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Name of District	No. of raids conducted	Quantum seized		Persons apprehended
		Petrol (in litre)	Diesel (in litre)	
Kishanganj	04	Nil	Nil	Nil
East Champaran (Motihari)	14	40	1275	14
West Champaran (Bettiah)	05	Nil	250	05
Sitamarhi	77	Nil	Nil	Nil
Madhubani	13	Nil	Nil	Nil
Araria	13	205	8309	65
