GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO 532 ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017

Fake currency notes smuggled from Bangladesh

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of fake currency notes seized in the country recently, with details like seizures, quantum of notes and number of persons arrested, from January to end of October, 2017;
- (b) whether Bangladesh is emerging as the main source of production and smuggling of fake 2000 rupee notes;
- (c) if so, the measures taken to tighten the borders and to keep a vigil on the movement; and
- (d) the efforts taken to bust the various racketeers in cooperation with the neighbouring countries including Nepal and Bangladesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

- (a): As per the data available with National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) of face value of Rs.18.80 crores has been seized by the States/UTs Police during the current year (2017). A statement indicating the amount of FICN seized, total FIRs, quantum of notes and number of accused during the current year (January to November, 2017), is as per Annexure.
- (b): Some seizures have been made of Rs. 2000 denomination on the Indo-Bangladesh border. Cont...

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- (c) & (d) The following measures have been taken by the Government to check the smuggling of FICN from border areas and its circulation in the country:-
- (i) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Bangladesh to prevent and counter smuggling and circulation of fake currency notes.
- (ii) Strengthening the security at the international borders by using new surveillance technology, deploying additional manpower for round the clock surveillance, establishing observations posts along the international border, erection of border fencing and intensive patrolling.

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- (iii) Strengthening of co-ordination with intelligence set up, local police and civil authorities and carrying out intelligence based operations in coordination with other agencies by Border Security Force.
- (iv) Raising and discussing the issue of FICN smuggling at Director General level talk with Bangladesh counterpart and sharing of information on FICN racketeers for taking legal action against them.
- (v) Fencing and flood lighting on unfenced portion of Indo-Bangladesh border.
