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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 48

Member Asking: Ms. Geeta Chandan-Edmond, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Minister of Home Affairs

QUESTIONS

GUYANA’S LARGEST DRUG BUST

Since the start of November last year, this country infamously recorded its largest drug bust: 11.5 tons (23000 pounds) of cocaine, with a street value of 900 million Euros, GY \$ 360 billion, almost a quarter of the gross domestic product (GDP) of this country. Regrettably, two months after this dastardly development, we have seen no breakthrough of any consequence locally.

1. Could the Hon. Minister state whether this matter was brought and discussed by the Government?
2. If yes, can you state what decisions have been since taken?
3. Has there been any review by agencies involved in this issue and if so, what new measures and new policy frameworks have been implemented to avoid this reoccurrence in the future?
4. Has there been any request by regional and international agencies for information in relation to this matter?
5. If so, has that information been transmitted to the relevant agency?
6. There has been conflicting information on the scanners at the wharf where the illegal drugs left Guyana. Could the Minister state definitively what is the situation in relation to the State’s inability to identify in clear terms what occurred at the wharf?

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