

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of Afghanis and Talibanese are infiltrating in India through Nepal and Bangladesh and mixing with Muslim families in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Afghanis and Talibanese who are illegally entering India are developing contacts with ISI agents and posing threat to the integrity of the country; and
- (c) if so, the immediate steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): There have been occasional reports of Afghan nationals trying to enter India via Nepal using false travel documents. There is, however, no information about the large scale infiltration of Afghan nationals and Taliban elements through Nepal and Bangladesh and their mixing with Muslim families in the country.

(c): The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach comprising of deployment of Central Para Military Forces, setting up of Border Observation Posts, erection of fencing/flood lighting in vulnerable areas along Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders, gearing up of intelligence machinery for prompt sharing of intelligence among concerned agencies and provision of specialised equipments like Night Vision devices to the forces for greater vigilance along the International Borders of the country to check infiltration and other subversive activities. Measures have also been taken to enhance cooperation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. The concerned agencies of the two Governments remain in regular touch. There are also bilateral institutional mechanisms for developing cooperation on security measures and to address these concerns. Both sides have agreed to take well coordinated measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal to prevent misuse of the open Indo-Nepal border. Policing on Indo-Nepal border has also been intensified and strengthened.