

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4313
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2001
FRESH THREAT BY BANGLADESH RIFLES
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been fresh threat and attempt made by Bangladesh Rifles to attack in the North-Eastern Frontier of the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the efforts are being made by Bangladesh Rifles to occupy some of the out-posts on Indo-Bangla Border in the Tripura-Cachar-Mizoram area;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to foil their attempt ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

- (a) to (d): After the unwarranted and unprovoked intrusion into the village of Pyrdiwah in the East khasi District, Meghalaya and brutal killing of 16 Border security Force personnel in the Boraibari area along the India-Bangladesh border in April 2001; there are no reports of fresh attacks by the Bangladesh Rifles Forces on the India-Bangladesh border.
- (e): Government have taken all necessary steps to secure the India-Bangladesh border. These include, inter alia, construction of border roads, border fencing, raising of additional battalions of Border Security force, reduction of gaps between Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling both on land and the riverine border, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments including night vision devices etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels from time to time.