

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:702  
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INFILTRATION THROUGH UP-NEPAL BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Uttar Pradesh-Nepal border is sensitive prone and susceptible to infiltration; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to adequately equip Indo-Nepal Border Police Force to check infiltrations ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b) The Indo-Nepal border has historically been an open border with a Visa-Free Travel Regime. In view of the recent instances of misuse of this open border for staging terrorist activities directed against India, the concerned agencies of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Government of India remained in regular touch, both directly and through the bi-lateral institutional mechanism, such as, the Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks. The need for intensified and coordinated patrolling at sensitive border points, including the deployment of Central and State Police Forces on our side, was discussed with HMGN authorities in the 3rd Meeting of India-Nepal Joint Working Group on Border Management which was held at Kathmandu from February 1-3, 2000. An Action Plan has also been prepared in consultation with the concerned States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim for strengthening of Policing and Intelligence collection along the Indo-Nepal border including deployment of a Central Police Organisation in vulnerable stretches of the border.