

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6211
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FIRING ALONG BORDERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been instances of unprovoked firing along the international borders;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported and loss of lives including civilians and security forces during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard including taking up the matter in bilateral level discussions;
- (d) whether the Government is working on a plan to declare a unilateral non-fire along the Bangladesh border; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): No instance of unprovoked firing has been reported on Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bhutan, Indo-China and Indo-Myanmar international borders. However, there have been instances of unprovoked firing on Indo-Bangladesh border. The details of firing incidents and killing/injury of security personnel and civilians due to such unprovoked firing during the last three years and the current year upto 31st March, 2010 on this border are as under:

Year	No. of cases		Security personnel		Civilians	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured

2007	22	-	-	-	-	-
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2008	16	01	01	01	-	-
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2009	03	-	-	01	01	-
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2010	-	-	-	-	-	-
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March

(c): The issue of unprovoked firing by Bangladesh Rifles has been discussed in the Director General level talks between Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles. In the recent meeting held in March, 2010, wherein both sides have agreed to put in place a suitable mechanism to enhance mutual communication and contact between field units of both forces so that no such incident takes place.

(d) & (e): There is no such plan under consideration of the Government.