

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105

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MORE POWER TO BSF

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to give more powers to the Border Security Force to check illegal trade on borders and to protect the borders on the seashore areas of Southern districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be approved;
- (c) whether the Government has received representations in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken on such representations?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Government is not considering any proposal to give more powers to the Border Security Force to check illegal trade on borders and to protect the borders on the seashore areas of Southern districts of Tamil Nadu. However, Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to check smuggling activities from across the borders, which inter-alia includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders, establishment of observation posts, construction of border fencing, patrol roads and floodlighting, introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments, up gradation of intelligence set up, establishment of additional outposts along borders to reduce inter-se distance and coordination with the State Governments and the concerned intelligence agencies.