

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2176  
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010  
INFILTRATION IN COASTAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports of infiltration by foreigners from the coastal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176 FOR 23.11.2010.

(a) & (b): Yes. Illegal poachers from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand and Bangladesh have been apprehended by Indian Coast Guard in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone. The details of poachers apprehended by the Indian Coast Guard during the last three years are given below:

Year Bangladesh Indonesia Iran Myanmar Pakistan Sri Lanka Thailand

2007 Nil 05 Nil 116 19 35 64

2008 40 Nil 16 83 28 362 02

2009 61 Nil Nil 72 109 661 Nil

2010 Nil Nil Nil 218 08 323 03

(c): Post 26/11, the surveillance at sea has been increased and several decisions have been taken to enhance the maritime and coastal security. The Government of India has designated Indian Navy as the authority responsible for overall maritime security which includes coastal security and offshore security. The Indian Coast Guard is additionally designated as the authority responsible for coastal security in territorial waters including areas to be patrolled by Coastal Police. The Director General Coast Guard has been designated as Commander Coastal Command responsible for overall coordination between Central and State agencies in all matters relating to coastal Security. These decisions are being implemented by the Ministry of Defence.

The surveillance and security in the close coastal waters is done by Marine Police.

All the maritime and coastal security arrangements are deterrent to infiltration of foreigners in coastal areas.