

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:389

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SMUGGLING IN BORDER AREAS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether despite the deployment of various central paramilitary forces in the border areas, smuggling of contraband items continues to take place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the security arrangements in such areas and the reasons behind the continuance of such incidents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether connivance of security personnel in such cases has been reported; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the number of such personnel arrested during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise alongwith the measures taken to strengthen security in the border areas to check smuggling?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.389 FOR 7.12. 2010

(a) to (f): Yes, Madam. Incidents of trans-border criminal activities, including smuggling of contraband items, have been reported in the border areas. All land borders are not fenced (except Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders which are also not completely fenced) and considerable portions comprise of hilly terrain, riverine and low lying areas, forest and dense population till zero line. These render them vulnerable to clandestine trans-border criminal activities.

Periodic review and several measures to strengthen the security and management of the borders in order to prevent trans-border criminal activities have been taken. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain illegal cross border movement/activities. This, inter-alia, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders, establishment of observation posts, construction of border fencing and floodlighting, introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment, upgradation 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. In the riverine stretches, the domination is being done by patrolling in water crafts, both during day and night. Besides, floating Border Out Posts (BOPs), number of medium/small crafts, floating boats and speed boats have also been deployed to dominate the riverine borders. Operational capabilities of border guarding forces are also being further augmented by sanctioning additional battalions and development of infrastructure, primarily roads, flood lighting and border out posts, along the borders.

Some incidents of involvement of security personnel have been reported. Appropriate action is being taken against the persons found guilty. Border-wise details of reported incidents involving security personnel during the last three years and in the current year are as under:

Border Force	Border Guarding security personnel	Number of incidents involving
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2007	2008	2009	2010
	(Upto		
	October)		

Indo-Bangladesh BSF 5 3 1

Indo-Pakistan BSF 2 1

Indo-China ITBP 1

Indo-Nepal SSB 3 1 1