

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1133  
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SMUGGLING OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports of smuggling of foodgrains meant for poor under the Public Distribution System to Nepal, Bangladesh and other nations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether recently the forces have seized about Rs. two crore worth of foodgrains on the borders during the year 2010;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent these smugglings?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No Madam.

(c) & (d): As per the available information, approximately food grains worth Rs. 69 lakhs have been seized by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) along the Indo-Nepal border. Similarly, food grains worth Rs. 69 lakhs have been seized by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the Bangladesh border during 2010.

(e): The Government has adopted a multipronged approach to stop cross border criminal activities including smuggling which, inter-alia, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders, establishment of observation posts, construction of border fencing and fooldlighting, introductions of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment, 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. In the riverine stretches, the domination is being done by patrolling in water crafts, both during day and night, for which sufficient number of water vessels have been deployed. Besides, floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) have been sanctioned for riverine stretches. Number of medium/small crafts, floating boats and speed boats have also been deployed to dominate the riverine borders.