

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2031

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MEASURES FOR BORDER SECURITY

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to secure the bordering and coastal States including Gujarat from infiltration through Indo-Pakistan and Indo- Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of outposts/check posts constructed and high-tech surveillance installed separately to check infiltration in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the security forces have not achieved the desired success to checking infiltration;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought any assistance to strengthen for the security of its border; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2031 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 8TH MARCH, 2011

(a) & (b): The Government has adopted a multi-prolonged approach to secure the bordering and coastal States including Gujarat from infiltration through Indo - Pakistan and Indo - Bangladesh borders.

This approach, inter-alia, includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and in coastal areas, 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, construction of coastal police stations in coastal States and coordination with the State Governments and the concerned intelligence agencies. In the coastal and riverine stretches, the domination is being done by patrolling through water crafts, interceptor boats and other vessels, both during day and night, for which sufficient number of water crafts and 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 coastal and riverine borders.

(c): To strengthen coastal security of 9 coastal States, including Gujarat and 4 Union Territories, construction of 73 coastal Police Stations was approved under ongoing Coastal Security Phase-I scheme. All these 73 coastal Police Stations have become operational. Besides, construction of 58 outposts and 97 checkposts was also approved. So far, construction of 25 checkposts and 44 outposts in Gujarat, 32 checkposts in Maharashtra and 35 checkposts and 10 outposts in Tamil Nadu has been completed under this scheme.

Besides, Government has also approved procurement of hi-tech surveillance equipments for border guarding forces. The border guarding force wise procurement of hi-tech surveillance equipments made in the last three years and in the current year is as below:

Hi-tech surveillance equipment	Border Guarding Force
BSF ITBP Assam Rifles	
Night Vision Monocular	77
Passive Night Vision Binocular	630
Hand Held Thermal Imagers	524 1540 106
Battle Filed Surveillance Radars	51
Unattended Ground Sensors	10
Spotter Scopes	43
Direction Finder	1

(d) & (e): Under the principle of `one border one border guarding force`, different central paramilitary forces have been deployed on border guarding duties with neighbouring countries. They are professionally well equipped to check cross border activities including infiltration.

(f) & (g): For further strengthening of the coastal border including coastal areas of Gujarat, the Government has approved Coastal Security Phase-II Scheme which is scheduled to start from April, 2011. This scheme provides for construction of 131 coastal Police Stations with provision of 180 interceptor boats, 60 jetties, 131 four-wheelers and 242 motor-cycles. For Gujarat, 12 coastal Police Stations provided with 31 interceptor boats, 5 jetties, 12 four-wheelers and 24 motor-cycles have been approved. Besides, the Government of India has also approved construction/ improvement of roads in the remote border areas of Gujarat namely Gadhauli-Santalpur road over a length of about 255 km with approximate cost of Rs.550 crore. The construction/improvement work of this road is likely to start from April, 2011.