

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BORDER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bangladesh have signed an important border management agreement to reduce incidents of killings and crime along with common frontiers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the said agreement is likely to be effective in checking trafficking in human, smuggling of drugs and arms;
- (d) whether the fencing on international border with Bangladesh has been completed;
- (e) if so, whether illegal infiltration is taking place on the said border; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Union Government to enhance border control and protect it from illegal activities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Director General, Border Security Force (BSF) and director General, Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB), have jointly signed the India-Bangladesh Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) on 30th July, 2011.

The CBMP aims at synergizing the efforts of both the Border Guarding Forces (BSF and BGB) for effective control over cross-border illegal activities and crimes as well for maintenance of peace and harmony along India-Bangladesh Border.

(d): Government has sanctioned 3436 km of fencing along Bangladesh border, against which 2836.07 km has been completed.

(e) to (f): Though there are reports of infiltrators being apprehended by Border Guarding Forces on the Indo-Bangladesh Border, but a declining trend and has been noticed.

The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check illegal activities including infiltration. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia includes:

Domination of border by patrolling, laying nakas/ambushes and carrying out special operations.

Construction of fencing, patrol roads, floodlighting and additional Border Out Posts.

Use of water crafts/boats and floating Border Out Posts in riverine segments.

Use of force multipliers like Hand Held Thermal Imager, Battle Field Surveillance Radars, Night Vision Devices/Night Vision google.

Special operations in collaboration with local sister agencies.