

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL BANGLADESHI MIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islam (HUJI) operatives who have been arrested from Kishanganj, Bihar in connection with 13/7 Mumbai serial blasts are Bangladeshi nationals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of cases of illegal Bangladeshi migrants associated with terrorist activities and outfits registered during the last three years and those who have been convicted and sentenced;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide additional security equipments and create additional infrastructure like fencing of borders to prevent illegal migration and infiltration from Bangladesh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the details of amount spent in equipment bought/infrastructure created in the last three years and the amount likely to be spent in the near future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The matter is under investigation.

(c): As per information available, one Bangladeshi national, Maulvi Zakaria @ Abu Taher, reported to be an explosive expert and trained in Pakistan, was arrested on 6.3.2009 by the Special Task Force, Kolkata.

(d) to (f): Government has sanctioned the following works on the Indo-Bangladesh border:-

(i): Border fencing over a length of 3436.590 Kms.

(ii): Border floodlighting over a length of 3117.001 Kms.

(iii): Construction of border roads over a length of 4326.240 Kms.

Besides, latest weapons and special surveillance equipment like Battle Field surveillance Radars, Hand Held Thermal Imagers, Passive Night Vision Monoculars, Passive Night Vision Binoculars etc. procured under the Modernization Plan of the Border Security Forces (BSF) re provided to the field formations. Government of India has also sanctioned deployment of 16 additional Battalions to augment the Border Out Posts in riverine/hilly/vulnerable segment on the Indo-Bangladesh border, which is in addition to the 74 Battalions presently deployed. 802 Border Out Posts(BOPs) have been established along the Indo-Bangladesh border to reduce the inter BOP distance for effective border domination. Setting up of another 383 BOPs have been sanctioned for better domination by BSF.

Details of funds utilized by the BSF for the modernization of the Force during the last three years and during the current financial year are given below:-

Year Funds utilized (Rs. In crore)

2008-09	91.70
2009-10	152.54
2010-11	156,45
2011-12 (up to July, 2011)	147.10

Funds allocated in 2011-12 for this purpose is Rs. 242.55 crore.