

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INFILTRATION OF BANGLADESHIS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether infiltration of Bangladeshis is constantly increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years including the current year;
- (c) whether there are reports that the 'labour mafia' of the corporate world is helping in the infiltration of Bangladeshis into the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Infiltration on Indo-Bangladesh border takes place clandestinely taking advantage of the porous border and through riverine segments and unfenced patches. Such Bangladeshi nationals mingle with the local population on the border due to linguistic, ethnic and cultural similarities and work for relatively lower wages, thus preferred by the contractors. The quantum of infiltrators cannot be determined. However, BSF has apprehended the following nos. of infiltrators during the last three years and the current year.

Year Apprehension of infiltrators

2008	3175
2009	2460
2010	1600
2011 (Upto 31st July)	

(e): Government has adopted a multi pronged approach to check illegal cross border activities at Indo-Bangladesh Border which inter-alia includes:-

- i) Construction of fence and patrol roads.
- ii) Saction of additional BOPs to reduce inter-se distance for effective domination of the border.
- iii) Provision of Hi-Tech equipments like LORROS (Long Reconnaissance & Observation System), BFSR (Battle Field Surveillance Radar), HHTI (Hand Held Thermal Imager), Night Vision Devices/Goggles/NVDs/NVGs) etc.
- iv) Round-the-clock surveillance and patrolling by the Border Guarding Force.
- v) Up-gradation of Intelligence (Int) network and coordination with sister agencies.
- vi) Conduct of special Operations, along the borders and in depth areas.
- vii) Frequent visits to border by Unit Commandant and other senior Officers to supervise effective domination of the border.

Besides above measures, Government has sanctioned additional 16 Battalion of BSF for augmentation of the Security requirements.