

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ALONG INDO NEPAL BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of illegal trade, human-trafficking and anti- national activities have been reported along the international border with Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb these illegal activities along the Indo- Nepal Border;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan for fencing of the Indo-Nepal border; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Indo-Nepal Border is open and porous in nature. The movement of Indians and Nepalese citizens across the Indo-Nepal border is governed by Indo- Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1950, which provides for free movement of citizens of both the countries across the Indo-Nepal Border.

There are reports of illegal trade, human-trafficking and anti-national activities along the Indo-Nepal border (INB). However, details of seizures of arms/ammunition, Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) and persons apprehended by SSB during the last 3 years and current year is at Annexure I.

SSB has been deployed at Indo-Nepal Border as a Border Guarding Force. Regular presence, round-the-clock patrolling, random checking and surveillance are carried out by SSB to stop cross border criminal activities. Besides, State Police concerned is also keeping a vigil. There are other institutional mechanisms like Home Secretary level talks between two countries, periodic Border District Coordination Committee (BDCC) meetings, real-time exchange of information/intelligence etc. between the two countries to effectively deal with such issues. Regular periodic meetings are held to resolve the issues. These issues are also taken up through the diplomatic channels wherever required.

(d) & e): There is no proposal to fence the Indo-Nepal border.