

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING ON INDO BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a spurt in the number of cases of smuggling across the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details of cases of smuggling that have come to light during each of the last three years and the current year and the goods seized thereunder; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb smuggling on borders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Indo-Bangladesh border spanning 4096.70 km in the State of West Bengal, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram and Assam, is manned by the Border Security Force (BSF). The following seizures were made during the last three years and the current year (upto February, 2012) on the border by BSF:-

Year	Narcotics (in Kgs)	FICN (value in Rs.)	Arms (in Nos.)	Cattle (in Nos.)	Phensedyl (in Nos.)
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2009	9549	2843390	65	114790	418440
2010	9292	3226900	70	101381	327393
2011	8598	4486300	45	135291	400673
2012	675	238500	4	16807	41465

(upto Feb'12

(c): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination to check illegal activities across International Borders, including smuggling which, inter-alia, includes the following:-

- i) Round the clock surveillance and patrolling of the borders. The domination of riverine borders is being done through water crafts and floating Border Out Posts (BOPs).
- ii) Establishment of observation posts;
- iii) Construction of border fencing and floodlighting;
- iv) Introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments;
- v) Establishment of additional Border Out Posts along borders to reduce inter-se distance of BOPs;
- vi) Up-gradation of Intelligence set up; and
- vii) Appropriate co-ordination with the concerned State Governments and the Intelligence agencies.