

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2128
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POROUS INDO-NEPAL BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of escape of terrorists/criminals through the porous Indo-Nepal border;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. There are no reports relating to the escape of terrorists from Indo- Nepal border. However, details of criminals/ smugglers apprehended by Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) during the last three years and the current year, state wise on Indo-Nepal border is at Annexure- 1.

Indo-Nepal Border is open and porous in nature. To stop use of border by unscrupulous elements including terrorist/criminals and laying of nakas along the border, 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 vigil. Issues of security concerns are also addressed through institutional interactions with Nepal on a regular basis. These mechanisms include, Home Secretary-level talks, Joint Working Group on Border Management, DG Customs level Talks and Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues.