GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012 INDO BANGLADESH HOME MINISTERS MEET Gowda Shri D.B. Chandre;Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Home Ministers of India and Bangladesh was held recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Home Minister level Talks between India and Bangladesh were held during 23rd – 26th February, 2012 at New Delhi, in which security related issues such as cross –border terrorism, handing over of leaders of Indian insurgent Groups (IIGs) reportedly staying in Bangladesh and also action against their camps/hideouts, smuggling of arms/ammunitions, fake currency notes etc. were discussed. Both sides also agreed that Extradition Treaty, under consideration by both the Government, may be finalized at an early date.

In so far as Border Management Issues are concerned, issue of strengthening of security along Indo-Bangladesh border and erection of fencing were also discussed. Both sides agreed to implement Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) expeditiously to curb the illegal cross-border movement. Among other issues, measures to check trafficking in women and children, smuggling of drugs and capacity building of law enforcement activities etc. were discussed. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in security related issued and other areas of mutual interest.

Action has already been initiated on the issues agreed to in the Home Minister level Talks held in February, 2012.