

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INFILTRATION BY FOREIGNERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of infiltration of foreign nationals including Bangladeshis and Pakistanis through the international borders;
- (b) if so, the details of cases reported and infiltrators arrested along the borders during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise and nationality-wise;
- (c) whether instances of infiltration is rampant due to incomplete fencing of the borders;
- (d) if so, the status of fencing on the borders, border-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to expedite the fencing and to check infiltrations across the borders?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There have been reports of infiltration of foreign nationals including Bangladeshis and Pakistanis through International Border. Details of apprehension of border crossers by Border Security Forces on

Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan Borders during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year Indo- Pak Border Indo-Bangladesh Border

India Pak BD Others Total India BD Others Total

2009 2 69 7 5 83 609 1823 28 2460
2010 4 94 19 2 119 320 1261 19 1600
2011 7 63 13 2 85 231 584 2 817
2012 6 80 7 0 93 135 453 3 591
(till July)

(c) & (d): Infiltration on Indo-Pak and Indo- Bangladesh Border is taking place mainly due to number of gaps existing along the borders because of various reasons like riverine/ low-lying areas, unresolved boundary issues etc. where fencing is not erected. However, improvised fencing, wherever feasible, has been erected to cover the gaps.

Status of fencing along Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh Border is as under:-

(In km.)

Border Sanctioned Completed Remarks

Indo-Pak 2044 1954 5 km work in progress. Balance
works are delayed as the area
is inundated.

Indo-Bangladesh

Phase-I 857 854 Project completed. Balance
works found to be non-feasible.

Phase-II 2502 1871 159 km work in progress.
Remaining are involved
in issues.

(e) Regular persuasion with, i) the State Governments to expedite the land acquisition & resolve public protests related issues, ii) Ministry of Environment & Forest for forest/ wild life clearances, iii) Ministry of External Affairs to resolve issues related to construction within 150 yards of international border & land boundary issues.

Besides, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check illegal activities including infiltration on Indo- Bangladesh and Indo-Pak borders. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia includes:

Effective domination of the border by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas(border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the International Border. Riverine segments of international border are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of BSF water wings.

Construction of patrol roads, floodlighting and additional Border Out Posts.

Induction of force multipliers and Hi-Tech surveillance. Constant efforts are being made to procure the latest surveillance equipments for further enhancing the border domination.

Up-gradation of intelligence network and co-ordination with sister agencies.

Conduct of special operations along the borders.