

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ESPIONAGE ALONG BORDER AREAS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports of spying activities in border States like Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, along with the number of spies arrested, State-wise and nationality-wise;
- (c) whether the said spies are also reported to have been involved in criminal activities like terrorism, fake currencies and supply of illegal weapons etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the last three years and current year, 63 espionage agents were arrested/neutralized. 26 agents were arrested in the year 2009, 18 in 2010, 14 in 2011 and 05 in the current year (2012 – till 20.08.2012). Out of 63 agents, 53 were neutralized in the bordering States (Rajasthan-09, Himachal Pradesh-03, Uttar Pradesh-05, Punjab-24, Jammu & Kashmir -01, Maharashtra-01, Tripura-02, Bihar-01 and Uttarakhand-03).Of the agents neutralized, 49 were Indians and 14 were Pakistan nationals.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. Out of the 63 arrested agents, 3 were found to have been involved in criminal activities such as being in possession of illegal arms & Fake Indian Currency Notes.

(e): The Government has been pursuing a well coordinated and multipronged approach to tackle the espionage activities. This, inter-alia, includes strengthening border management to check illegal cross border activities, strengthening the State and the Central intelligence machinery, close interaction and coordination between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments for neutralizing plans of espionage and modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system.