

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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CAMELS FOR PATROLLING OF BORDERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has accorded approval for buying 1250 camels to the Border Security Force (BSF) for border patrolling so as to ensure security of the borders;
- (b) if so, whether not a single cattle handler has so far been arranged by the BSF to look after these camels and bring them into use;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the BSF is considering to withdraw the camel fleet; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. BSF has not submitted any proposal to the government for purchase of 1250 camels. BSF is already authorized with 1276 Camels.

Each Camel held by BSF has been provided with a cattle handler to look after and bring them into use. For this purpose, sufficient number of Ground Duty (GD) personnel have been trained.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Madam. There is no consideration to withdraw the camel fleet since they have proved useful for effective border patrolling in Rann-of-Kutch and the desert areas of the border belt in Gujarat and Rajasthan

(e) Does not arise.