

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:151

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INFILTRATION ALONG INDO-PAK BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan is helping infiltration of terrorists along the Indo-Pak Border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to withdraw the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in a phased manner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has considered all security aspects of the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular and if so, the details of the assessment made in this regard; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to check instances of infiltration along the border?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 151 FOR 04.12.2012.

(a)&(b): Intelligence inputs indicate active support of Pak Intelligence & Security Agencies to push terrorists into India. The Indo-Pak Border, particularly Jammu region, is highly vulnerable to infiltration from Pak side. Pak-based terrorists with the support of Pak Rangers/Pak Army often make abortive attempts to sneak into Indian territory. However, due to intensive vigil and high degree of alertness, BSF personnel foiled every attempt of infiltration by Pak terrorists. There has been no case of infiltration by terrorists.

The terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan/PoK remains intact and the infiltration attempts from across the border still continue to pose a challenge to the security forces. Reports indicate that there are 42 militants camps functioning across the borders, 25 in PoK and 17 in Pakistan with about 2500 militants.

As per the Multi Agency Centre(MAC) the details of infiltration attempts since 2007 is given below:-

YEAR 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 TILL OCT'2011 TILL OCT'2012

No.of Infiltration Attempts 535 342 485 489 247 235 249

The Government of India in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border infiltration, which, inter-alia, includes strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-model deployment along international border/LoC, and the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons & equipments for security forces, improved intelligence and operational co-ordination.

(c) to (e): Following visit of All Party Delegation to Jammu & Kashmir in September, 2010 and in pursuance of the decision taken by the Government, the State Government has been requested to review the notifications of the areas as 'disturbed areas' under the Armed Forces (Jammu & Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990.

(f): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including infiltration along Indo-Pak border. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia include:

\$ 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 Indo-Pak Border. The riverine segments of Indo-Pak Border are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of BSF water wing.

\$ Construction of fencing, patrol roads, floodlighting systems and additional Border Out Posts.

\$ Induction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments. Constant efforts are being made to procure the latest surveillance equipments fully equipped with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.

\$ Up-gradation of intelligence network and co-ordination with sister agencies, conduct of special operations along the border.