

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether firing and violation of ceasefire are rampant along the international borders of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of incidents of firing that occurred on the LoC and Indo- Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders during the current year, border-wise;
- (c) the casualties of civilian and security personnel took place as a result of firing along the borders; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Border Security Force (BSF) is the Border Guarding Force along Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders. Trans-border firing on Indo-Pak border in Jammu region has taken place in the current year, whose details are given below:-

Number of trans-border firing Indo-Pak border
incidents

Year 2012 (upto October) 16

On the other hand, there has been no trans-border firing on Indo-Bangladesh border during the current year. However, BSF personnel, who prevent trans-border smuggling activities especially cattle smuggling, are gheraoed and attacked frequently by cattle smugglers.

(c): Details of BSF personnel killed/injured by trans-border firing/attack by smugglers/ miscreants during the current year are as under :-

No. of Indo-Pak Indo-Bangladesh
casualties Border Border

BSF personnel BSF personnel BSF personnel BSF personnel
injured Killed injured killed

Year 2012 03 02 125 01
(upto 31 Oct)

(d): The issue of trans-border firing which resulted in the deaths/injuries to BSF personnel has been taken up with the concerned authorities at the level of Home Secretary and Director General(DG), Border Security Force (BSF) with their respective counterparts.

Likewise, all incidents of ceasefire violations are investigated and protests are lodged with Pakistan Military Authorities at appropriate level through the established mechanism of hotlines, flag meetings and meetings between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the two countries.