## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:144 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009 INFILTRATION ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan;Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar

## Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in incidents of infiltration across the international borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.144 FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2009.

The details of apprehension of infiltrators by the border guarding force (BSF) on the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year Indo-Bangladesh border Indo-Pakistan border Total

2006 5785 133 5918 2007 4553 130 4683 2008 3175 136 3311 2009 (Till October, 2009) 2098 60 2158

These figures indicate a decline in cross-border infiltration on these borders. However, there is no significant incidence of infiltration on the other borders.

The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border infiltration which includes, inter-alia, round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment; upgradation of the intelligence set up and coordination with the State Governments and concerned intelligence agencies.