

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether cases of smuggling of milch cattle from various parts of the country have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to check such illegal activities?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Instances of seizure of milch cattle have been reported along Indo-Bangladesh Border. The details of total cattle and milch cattle seized on Indo-Bangladesh Border during the last three years including the current year are as under:

(In Nos.)

Year	Total Cattle Seized	Milch Cattle Seized
2010	101381	139
2011	135291	227
2012	120724	372
2013	31652	138

(upto March, 2013)

Instances of smuggling of milch cattle along Indo-Nepal as well as Indo-Bhutan borders are very common since these borders remain open, porous and visa-free.

- c) The following effective measures have been taken by the Government to check illegal activities including smuggling of cattle:-
- (i) Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs)/areas along Indo-Bangladesh Border which are sensitive with regard to cattle smuggling is being reviewed periodically. Presently, 33 BOPs vulnerable to cattle smuggling have been identified and strengthened by deploying additional man power, Special Surveillance Equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure in support.
  - (ii) Increase in number of Simultaneous Co-ordinated Patrolling (SCPs) with counterpart during day and night.
  - (iii) Effective domination of the border by carrying out round-the-clock surveillance of the borders, viz., patrolling, laying nakas, establishing of observation posts all along the International Border and strengthening of existing defence of the BOPs.
  - (iv) Erection of Border Fencing on the International Border.
  - (v) Installation of Border Floodlights on the International Border.
  - (vi) Use of Water Crafts/Boats and floating BOPs for domination of riverine area of International Border..
  - (vii) Up-gradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies.
  - (viii) Conduct of special operations along the border.
  - (ix) Frequent visits to border by unit Commandant and other senior officers to supervise effective domination of the border.
  - (x) Better Co-ordination with Border Guards Bangladesh.