GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2313 ANSWERED ON:12.03.2013 HUMAN TRAFFICKING Noor Mausam

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of human trafficking are rampant from across the borders;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and current year, border-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to check such activities at the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): Border Security Force (BSF) and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) have been mandated to guard various borders of the country. Whereas Border Security Force has been deployed to guard Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been deployed to guard Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders. As per input provided by the Border Security Force, the details of foreigners apprehended without valid documents on Indo-Pak borders and Indo-Bangladesh borders are given below:

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Year Indo-Pak borders Indo-Bangladesh Total
Borders

2010 81 980 1061

2011 105 467 572

2012 183 1885 2068

2013 (upto 60 548 608

28.2.2013)

Total 429 3880 4309
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As per inputs provided by Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the details of cases reported from Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders are given below:

Indo-Nepal Border

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Year Cases Traffickers arrested Victims rescued 2010 02 02 06 2011 - - - - 2012 04 02 51 2013 05 12 60
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Indo-Bhutan Border

There are no reports suggesting human trafficking from Bhutan to India or vice-versa.

(c) : Measures implemented by BSF to contain illegal crossing from across the borders inter-alia include effective domination/surveillance of the border by carrying out round the clock patrolling, laying nakas; identification of Border Out Posts (BOPs) vulnerable to Human Trafficking; sharing of list of touts with counterpart; maintaining record of villagers residing in border areas at BOPs; frequent meetings with village pradhans, Panchayat members and villagers; erection of fencing on the International Border; installation of floodlight along the border and introduction of force multipliers and Hi-tech Surveillance equipment.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has established 450 Border Out Posts (BOPs) on Indo-Nepal Border (INB) and 132 BOPs on the Indo-Bhutan Border (IBB). The border is dominated by regular patrolling, nakas and random checking of persons crossing over to India besides launching operations on specific intelligence inputs in co-ordination with other agencies of the State Governments and Central Government. In addition to this, the intelligence set-up is regularly sensitized to keep close watch on the movement of suspected human traffickers.