

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FIRING ALONG BORDERS .

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of firing are rampant across the Indo-Pak and the Indo-Bangladesh borders;
- (b) if so, the number of incidents reported along with the number of civilians and security personnel injured and killed during each of the last three years and the current year, border-wise;
- (c) the details of damage to property reported and the compensation paid to the victims during the said period, border-wise;
- (d) whether the farmers having land along the borders are facing difficulties in cultivating their lands; and
- (e) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard including raising the issue at bilateral fora?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Border Security Force (BSF) is deployed on Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders. Few incidents of firing have taken place across the Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders. The details of number of firing incidents reported across Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders for the last three years and the current year, are as follows :-

Year	Indo-Pak border	Indo-Bangladesh border
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2010	26	5
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2011	11	#
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2012	21	#
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2013	01	#
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(upto June)

Total	59	06
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Details of security personnel injured and killed during each of the last three years and current year, are as under :-

Year	Line of Control in J&K		International Border Indo-Pak		International Border Indo-BD	
	Injured	Died	Injured	Died	Injured	Died

2010	8	1	5	2	#	#
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2011	3	1	1	2	#	#
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2012 # 1 3 2 # #

2013 # # # # # #
Total 11 3 9 6 # #

(c): Details regarding damage to property reported and compensation paid to the victims during the said period, border-wise, are being collected from the concerned State Governments. However, details of compensation paid in respect of killed/injured security personnel, are as follows :-

Year	No. of security personnel killed	No. of security personnel injured	Total amount of compensation paid (Rs.)
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2010	3	13	33,15,000/-
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2011	3	4	32,50,000/-
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2012	3	3	30,00,000/-
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(d): Farmers are not facing any difficulties while farming their land along the borders. In order to facilitate farmers to cultivate land ahead of border fence, gates have been provided in the border fence at regular distance. These gates are opened to allow farmers to cultivate their lands from morning to evening. Timings are fixed as per convenience of the local farmers.

(e): After every incident of trans-border firing, strong protest note has been lodged with its counterpart by the BSF. Moreover, such issues are also being raised during various meetings held with counterpart i.e. company commander meeting, commandant level meeting, sector commander level meeting, frontier level meeting and Director General Level Talks.

The following precautionary measures have been taken against trans-border firing :-

- (i) Identification of vulnerable patches in reference to trans-border firing particularly on Indo-Pak border which is prone to such incidents.
- (ii) Educating border populace for safety precautions to be taken while venturing in border areas prone to trans-border firing.
- (iii) Deployment of support weapons in the area prone to trans-border firing and effective retaliation against unprovoked firing of counterpart to contain its re-occurrence.
- (iv) Providing additional bulletproof vehicles and bullet proof jackets to troops deployed at BOPs prone to trans-border firing.
- (v) Government has sanctioned for construction of 135 feet wide Earthen Bundh (179 kms) integrated with 180 nos. Naka-cum-Machan-cum-fighting Bunkers along International Boundary under Jammu Ftr which has experienced maximum trans-border firing incidents.