

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:76

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013

SMUGGLING OF ANIMALS ON INDO BANGLADESH BORDER .

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether smuggling of animals are rampant across the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported, animals seized and the smugglers arrested during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check smuggling across the Indo-Bangladesh border?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 FOR 10.12.2013.

(a) & (b): Smuggling of animals is not rampant along the entire Indo-Bangladesh Border, except at certain areas. The details of number of cases, seized cattle and cattle smugglers apprehended on the Indo-Bangladesh Border during the last three years and the current year (upto Nov. 2013) are as under :-

Year	Number of cases relating to cattle seized head seized	Cattle head apprehended	Number of cattle smugglers
2010	6633	101381	287
2011	7199	135291	411
2012	11998	120724	395
2013	14097	115351	396
(up to Nov., 2013)			

(c):Steps taken by the Government to prevent cattle smuggling on the Indo-Bangladesh Border are as under :-

i) Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Post(BOPs), which are prone to smuggling of cattle along the Indo-Bangladesh Border, have been carried out. 23 BOPs vulnerable to cattle smuggling have been identified (List attached as Appendix-'A'). These BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional manpower, special surveillance equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure support.

ii) Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders, viz; patrolling, laying nakas, establishing of observation posts all along the International Border(IB) and strengthening of existing defence of the BOPs.

iii) Fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

iv) Installation of border Floodlights along the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

v) Use of water crafts/boats and floating BOPs for domination of riverine area of IB.

vi) Introduction of Force multipliers and Hi-Tech Surveillance equipments such as Long Range Reconnaissance & Observation system (LORROS), Battle Field Surveillance Radars(BFSR), Hand Held Thermal Imager(HHTI), Night Vision Device/ Goggles(NVDs/NVGs) etc.

vii) Up-gradation of intelligence network and co-ordination with the agencies concerned.

viii) Conduct of special operations along the border.

ix) Frequent visit to the border by unit Commandants and senior officers to supervise effective domination of the border.

- x) Better coordination with Border Guards Bangladesh including simultaneous coordinated patrol in these areas.
- xi) In addition to the above, Government of India has sanctioned 2 Frontier Headquarters, 3 Sector Headquarters and 16 Battalions to augment BOPs in riverine/hilly/vulnerable segment & on the Indo-Bangladesh Border.