GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1364 ANSWERED ON:14.07.2009 INFILTRATION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES Singh Shri Rajnath

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people infiltrated from Bangladesh during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) whether instances of infiltration have increased considerably in the recent times, particularly after the Mumbai terror attack;

(c) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to stop illegal infiltration via neighboring countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The year-wise apprehensions of illegal Bangladeshi Nationals by the Border Guarding Forces on the Indo-Bangladesh Border(IBB) during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Year No. of people apprehended

2006 5130

2007 4206

2008 2711

2009 Upto June 984

As per available information, the infiltration has decreased.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government has drawn action plan and has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for effective domination of international border including the following:- Construction of border fencing, patrol roads & flood lighting along International borders, includes the Indo-Bangladesh border

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by Border Guarding Forces (BSF in the case of IBB).

(ii) For effective domination of international borders by the Border Guarding Forces, additional 509 Border Out Posts (BOPs) have been sanctioned along Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pak borders.

(iii) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc. for effective border domination.

(iv) Up-gradation of intelligence machinery.