

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCIDENTS OF FIRING ALONG INDO BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incidents of firing on the Indo-Bangladesh border during the last six months;
- (b) the number of civilians and security personnel killed and injured in these incidents and the loss of property therein;
- (c) the quantum of compensation given to the dependents of the affected villagers; and
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken to protect the life and property of affected persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) & (b): The Border Security Force (BSF) deployed along the Indo-Bangladesh Border is maintaining utmost restraint in firing along this border to reduce human casualties. However, the incidents of scuffle/attacks on BSF personnel by trans-border criminals, forces the BSF personnel to open fire in self-defence. Further, most of the firing is by Pump Action Gun (PAG) which is non-lethal in nature. The details of firing incidents occurred during the last six months along the Indo-Bangladesh Border and the number of civilians and BSF personnel killed and injured in the incidents are as follows:-

Period	Firing incident by BSF		Intruders/ BSF personnel	
	Lethal	Non-Lethal	Total Extruders/	Died Injured
	(insas	(Pump Action	Smugglers	
	Rifle) Gun)	Gun)	Killed	

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(c): As per the reports, all the civilians killed were either intruders/extruders or smugglers, therefore, they were not liable for any compensation.

(d): Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination on Indo- Bangladesh Border to protect the life and property of people living along the border. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia include:

Effective domination of the border by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the Indo-Bangladesh Border of the country. The riverine segments of the border are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of Border Security Force (BSF) water wings.

Construction of fence, patrol roads, floodlighting systems and additional Border Out Posts.

Introduction of force multipliers and Hi-Tech surveillance equipments. Continuous efforts are made to procure the latest surveillance equipments fully equipped with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.

Raising the issues of infiltration from across the border during various meetings with counterpart countries i.e. Company Commander Meeting, Commandant Level Meeting, Sector Commander Level Meeting, Frontier Level Meeting and Director General Level Talks.

Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs) which are sensitive with regard to illegal migration/cross border crimes along the Indo-Bangladesh Border have been carried out. These identified BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional man power, Special Surveillance Equipment, vehicles and other infrastructure support.

Up-gradation of intelligence network, co-ordination with sister agencies and conduct of special operations along the borders.