

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether smuggling of animals has been reported on the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the cases detected along with the number of animals seized and smugglers arrested during each year of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to check smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh border?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Instances of animals smuggling have been reported along the Indo-Bangladesh Border. The details of the number of cases, animals seized and smugglers arrested during the last three years and current year are as follows:-

Details of seizure of cattles:-

Year	No. of cases seized	No. of animals arrested	No. of smugglers
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2012	11998	120724	285
2013	14926	122000	421
2014	12865	109999	386
2015	1373	12835	52

(upto 31.01.2015)

Details of seizure of wild species:-

Year	Items	No. of cases apprehended	Quantity	No. of person by BSF
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2012		0	0	0
2013	Reptiles	01	10	02
	Tortoise	07	1213	0
2014	Birds	01	06	0
	Tortoise	06	1261	0
2015	Birds	02	125	0

(upto 31-01-15)

	Lizard	01	01	0
	Tortoise	01	185	01

(c) The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including animal smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border of the country. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia includes:

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 international borders of the country.

The riverine segments of international borders of the country 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.

Usages of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments along with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.

Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs) which are sensitive with regard to illegal migration/smuggling/human trafficking along the Borders has been carried out. These identified BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipment, vehicles and other infrastructure support.