

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:116

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CATTLE SMUGGLING ON INDO BANGLADESH BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several cases of smuggling of cattle on the Indo-Bangladesh border have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported, animals seized and smugglers apprehended during the current year;
- (c) whether the role of Indian security personnel deployed along the Indo-Bangladesh border has been monitored/investigated in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to check smuggling along the border?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.116 FOR ANSWER ON 15.07.2014

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

Year	No. of cases	No. of heads seized	No. of cattle smugglers apprehended
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2014	5504	47831	130
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(upto 30.6.2014)

(c) & (d) The Border Security Force(BSF) has been deployed as a Border Guarding Force(BGF) along the Indo-Bangladesh Border. The role of BSF personnel deployed along the Indo- Bangladesh border is being continuously monitored. As and when any case of negligence/ connivance by BSF personnel on duty is detected, the same is investigated by conducting a Court of Inquiry and if found guilty, they are punished as per BSF Act and Rules.

(e) The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including cattle smuggling along the international borders 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.

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.

Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs) which are sensitive with regard to cattle smuggling has been carried out and 33 most vulnerable BOPs have been identified. These BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional man power, Special Surveillance Equipment, vehicles and other infrastructure support.

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

Maximum use of non-lethal weapon to demoralize the cattle smugglers along with minimizing the loss of civilian lives.

In addition to above, Government of India has sanctioned 16 Battalions to augment BOPs in riverine/hilly/vulnerable segments on Indo-Bangladesh Border.