

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:284

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Myanmar Border

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has directed the Border Security Force to man Myanmar Border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Assam Rifles has not proved effective in stopping smuggling or crossing over of insurgents;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to hand over manning of border with Myanmar to BSF permanently; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): No Madam, Government has not directed the Border Security Force to man Indo-Myanmar border. Indo-Myanmar border is characterized by hilly terrain, dense jungles and water bodies which runs along the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. There exists a free movement regime upto 16 KM in India along Indo-Myanmar border which makes the border porous. Assam Rifles, the Border Guarding Force on Indo-Myanmar Border, has adopted multi-pronged approach to curb smuggling and crossing over of insurgents by patrolling, sharing of intelligence and conduct of joint operations, liaison with police, intelligence agencies & local Government agencies and using surveillance equipments. Assam Rifles has apprehended arms dealers, drug peddlers and Myanmar nationals. Assam Rifles has also recovered arms & ammunitions and other contrabands.
