

Sealing of Indo-Nepal Border

3678. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have a proposal to seal Indo-Nepal Border;

(b) if so, by when and the factors that led to take such a decision; and

(c) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) As at present there is no proposal to seal Indo-Nepal border. However, keeping in view the activities of anti-national elements, the Government and all the concerned agencies have been sensitised to have better surveillance, coordination and sharing of information and to remain in high state of alertness.

Abduction of Minors in Delhi

3679. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
BIRLA;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is alarming increase in abduction cases in Delhi, particularly of minors; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total number of minors abducted in Delhi during the last one year month-wise;

(c) in how many cases Delhi Police could trace the abducted minors; and

(d) the effective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) The information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) To check the crime of abduction of minors, abductors and other criminals having previous history are kept under surveillance. Intelligence gathering machinery has also been geared up, Motorcycle patrolling as well as PCR surveillance have been intensified. Advertisements have been issued in the press for educating the public about safety measures. Special Cells have been created at the District level under the Crime Branch, and also in each of the nine police districts, assigning dedicated teams for investigation of abductors and abduction cases. Safety tips for the parents of school-going children have been prepared, widely published in the newspapers and circulated to all the schools.

Statement

Details regarding abducted minors in Delhi and the action taken by Police to trace them.

	No. of cases reported	No. of minors abducted	No. of cases which abducted minors traced by Police
1	2	3	4
April, 94	4	5	2
May, 94	1	1	..
June, 94	4	4	2
July, 94	8	9	4
August, 94	2	2	2

1	2	3	4
September, 94	3	3	2
October, 94	3	3	..
November, 94	5	7	1
December, 94	4	4	1
January, 95	6	8	4
February, 95	2	2	1
March, 95	1	3	1
	43	51	20

Criteria for Freedom Fighters Pension

3680. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for accepting applications for Freedom Fighters pension after the prescribed date is over;

(b) whether it is mandatory to submit official documentary evidence in support of jail or underground sufferings in such cases;

(c) whether any relaxation in the above requirements has been made; and

(d) if so, in how many cases and on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Applications received after the prescribed date are considered for grant of pension provided the same are accompanied by documentary evidence from official records which could prove suffering of atleast six months imprisonment|undeground suffering|internment|externment or loss of job etc.

(c) and (d) No separate record of such cases is kept.

Steps Taken by BSF to Check Antique Smuggling

3681. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) has taken any steps to check antique smuggling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number and the value of seizure made in his regard during the last three years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measures taken include raising of additional battalions under expansion plan of Border Security Force to reduce the gaps between the Border Outposts, intensification of patrolling both on land and riverine borders, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, flood-lighting in the sensitive stretches of Indo.pak border, increase in the number of OP Towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc.