

Impact of infiltration from Bangladesh

†*113. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action is being taken by Government to tackle the social and political Problems in the North-Eastern States and West Bengal due to the infiltration of millions of Bangaldeshis;

(b) whether the illegal intrusion from Bangladesh is the reason behind the recent terrorist violence in the North -Eastern States;

(c) whether Centre has prepared any integrated scheme with the help of these States in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Problem of infiltration of Bangladeshis into India is being tackled by the Government by Stepping up vigilance on the border by raising of additional Battalions of the Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling on the border, construction of fencing and border roads, provision of surveillance equipment etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora. The Government of the States and the Union Territory Administrations have also been directed to enforce the provisions of the Foreigners Act {Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in the case of Assam} strictly to detect and deport the foreigners.

Socio-economic problems are being addressed by granting more autonomy to the local tribal populations to run their own affairs and to protect their way of life and tribal lands as well as by implementing development programmes in the States by the States and plans of inter-regional significance through the North-Eastern Council.

(b) Illegal infiltration from Bangladsh is only one of the many factors resulting in the insurgency situation in parts of the North East.

(c) to (e) The entire issue is being tackled in a holistic manner as stated at (a) above.

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