

Security arrangements on Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh border

3181. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of security arrangements made on Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh border areas;
- (b) whether smuggling of fertilizers, cereals, petroleum products and weapons etc. have been increased on the above mentioned borders;
- (c) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (d) the efforts made by Government to check smuggling on border areas along Nepal and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) is the Border Guarding Force on the Indo-Nepal Border. SSB has so far established 450 Border Out Posts (BOPs) on the Indo-Nepal Border, Each BOP has a sanctioned strength of one platoon.

Border Security Force (BSF) is the Border Guarding Force on the Indo-Bangladesh Border, having 75 BSF battalions with 1185 sanctioned Border Out Posts along this Border. Besides, 3 Nos. of floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) are also deployed to dominate riverine stretches of this border.

(c) Reply is given in the Statement (See below).

(d) To check smuggling along the Indo-Nepal border, SSB regularly carries out various activities like patrolling and laying of nakas/ambushes. Checking of persons crossing the border is also being carried out, both randomly as well as on the basis of specific inputs received from various sources. Continuous monitoring is also being done in this regard.

BSF also makes efforts to check smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border like carrying out round the clock surveillance by patrolling, laying of nakas/ambushes and by deploying observation posts. Riverine segments of this border are patrolled and dominated by water craft/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of BSF's Water Wing. In addition, Government has sanctioned 16 battalions to augment BOPs in riverine/hilly/vulnerable segments on Indo-Bangladesh border. Besides, the Government has undertaken construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment; upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the State Governments and concerned intelligence agencies.

Statement

Details of smuggling of fertilizers, cereals, petroleum products, weapons etc. along the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders, during the last three years and the current year (upto 30.11.2011)

1. Indo-Nepal Border

Sl.No.	Item	Quantity/ Money Value of seizures (In Rs.)			
		2008	2009	2010	2011 (upto 30.11.2011)
1.	Fertilizers (Quantity in bags & Amount in Rs.)	38527 bags Valued at Rs.48,37,272/-	18330 bags Valued at Rs. 53,68,266/-	28094 bags Valued at Rs.73,04,440/-	13261 bags Valued at Rs. 33,28,511/-
2.	Cereals (Qty. in Kg. & Amount in Rs.)	3,88,465.8 Kg Valued at Rs.49,75,862/-	2,44,561 Kg Valued at Rs.38,79,472/-	7,88,939.2 Kg Valued at Rs.1,68,77,514/-	4,93,143 Kg Valued at Rs.77,12,256/-
3.	Petroleum Products (Amount in Rs.)	Rs.14,67,92,758/-	Rs.13,21,25,104/-	Rs.19,98,27,178/-	Rs.15,25,18,614/-
4.	Weapons & Cartridges (In numbers)	Weapons-71 Cartridges-376	Weapons-41 Cartridges-759	Weapons-25 Cartridges-72	Weapons-7 Cartridges-5

2. Indo-Bangladesh Border

Sl.No.	Item	Quantity/ Money Value of seizures (In Rs.)			
		2008	2009	2010	2011 (upto 30.11.2011)
1.	Fertilizers (Quantity in Kg & Amount in Rs.)	8,44,406 Kg Valued at Rs.1,44,58,355/-	2,95,095 Kg Valued at Rs.43,38,882/-	83,938 Kg Valued at Rs.8,65,877/-	8,301 Kg Valued at Rs.1,24,667/-
2.	Cereals (Qty. in Kg. & Amount in Rs.)	8,145 Kg Valued at Rs.1,63,694/-	38,004 Kg Valued at Rs.9,22,319/-	20,226 Kg Valued at Rs.9,43,915/-	51,885 Kg Valued at Rs.15,53,803/-
3.	Petroleum Products (Mainly Diesel & Kerosene Oil) (Quantity in Ltrs. & Amount in Rs.)	5,968 Ltrs. Valued at Rs.1,47,362/-	5,749 Ltrs. Valued at Rs.1,45,799/-	478 Ltrs. Valued at Rs.14,285/-	862 Ltrs. Valued at Rs.68,700/-
4.	Weapons (In numbers)	10	65	70	45