

(c) the number of bullet proof jackets required by the Army along with the number of such jackets available with them at present; and

(d) the number of such jackets made available to the Army during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Based on the immediate requirement as projected by Army, 1 lac bullet proof jackets are under procurement. 1.26 lac bullet proof jackets are available with Army at present. 28,500 bullet proof jackets have been made available to the Army in the last three years. Another contract for 26,774 bullet proof jackets has been signed in April, 2004.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

1497. SHRI SURENDRA LATH.

SHRI BALAWANT *alias* BALAPTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of infiltration from across the Border, specially Bangladesh, is making the women near the border areas vulnerable;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to prevent infiltration; and

(c) the action taken to prevent human trafficking across the National Borders with Nepal and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Illegal infiltration from across the Bangladesh border has been a great source of concern to every section of Indian Society, particularly to women and children. This issue was discussed during the DG level talks between BSF and BDR held on 28th April-3rd May, 2004. BSF soldiers are actively vigilant to prevent the trafficking women and children. DG, BSF deeply shared his concern with DG, BDR, for this crime against humanity. He informed DG, BDR that BSF was actively involved in combating illegal trafficking of women and children with other Government and Non-Government agencies of India. To prevent infiltration and women trafficking across the Bangladesh border, the BSF

troops deployed along the International Border have been sensitized and the following actions are being taken:

- (i) During meetings/conferences, at different levels with Bangladesh Rifles, the BSF emphasize the sharing of actionable information and extend mutual cooperation;
- (ii) Close coordination with other agencies including State Government agencies;
- (iii) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;
- (iv) Conduct of special operations;
- (v) Up-gradation of intelligence net-work;
- (vi) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties;
- (vii) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads; and
- (viii) Modernization of BSF and other police force;

As regards to the national border with Nepal, this issue was discussed in the Home Secretary level meeting in Jan.-Feb., 2004 and both sides agreed to take steps to prevent human trafficking in a mutual cooperative manner.

Rape of a minor girl in Safderjung Hospital

1498. **SHRI BALAWANT *alias* BALAPTE:**
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of an alleged rape of a minor girl by an intern of Safderjung Hospital recently;

(b) whether the hospital administration failed to provide safety and security to women patients, visitors and nurses;

(c) whether there was any delay in investigation process resulting into loss of vital evidence and if so, the responsibilities fixed against the investigating officer for dereliction of duties;

(d) whether the National Commission for Women inquired into the case