

incidents was 3071 during the 12 months of the calendar year 1999 and in the year 2000 till 15 November number of such incidents is 2637.

Pak sponsored terrorist groups have been persisting with their attempts at infiltrating foreign mercenaries into J&K. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach on J&K which includes *inter-alia*, improved border management, neutralising plans of the terrorists by appropriate actions against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional integration through an institutional frame-work of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups at UHQ and various lower levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces, etc.

Fencing of Indo- Bangladesh Borders

1828.SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to fence Indo-Bangladesh borders;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the progress of fencing work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government has sanctioned construction of 3286.87 kms. of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border.

(c) So far 837.36 kms. of fencing has been completed.

Smuggling from Bangladesh

1829.SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of recent floods in West Bengal the border districts of the States adjacent Bangladesh have become centres of smuggling from Bangladesh because fencing along the borders has been washed away in floods or has submerged in floods water; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check smuggling and put fencing in place at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (b) Border fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border