

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2777**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND DECEMBER, 2021/ 01 PAUSHA, 1943 (SAKA)
FIRING AT WEST BENGAL-BANGLADESH BORDER**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of firing incident which happened along the West Bengal-Bangladesh border during the last three years by BSF;

(b) the reasons for resorting to firing;

(c) whether the illegal activity across India- Bangladesh border has increased during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(e) the details of action taken by BSF to stop illegal activities on the West Bengal-Bangladesh border?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK)**

(a) & (b): Details of incidents in which BSF resorted to firing in self defence while preventing trans-border criminal activities along the West Bengal-Bangladesh border are as under:-

Type of Weapon	2018	2019	2020	2021 (up to 31 Oct)	Total
Lethal weapon	65	238	225	179	707
Non Lethal weapon (Pump Action Gun)	1585	2852	2125	1683	8245

(c) & (d): Cases of various illegal activities detected by BSF along Indo-Bangladesh border for the last three years and current year up to 31.10.2021 are as under:-

Activity	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Up to 31.10.2021)
Seizure of FICN* (cases)	8	13	18	10
Seizure of Narcotics (cases)	920	645	1196	1158
Seizure of Arms (cases)	24	13	27	24
Seizure of Ammunition (cases)	17	10	14	16
Apprehension of Intruder/Extruder (cases)	1513	1987	2125	2098
Killing of Intruder/Extruder (cases)	4	28	17	9
Seizure of Cattle (in nos.)	63716	77410	46809	18575

*** FICN- Fake Indian Currency Notes.**

(e): BSF has adopted a multi-pronged approach to check illegal activities along Indo-Bangladesh border which inter-alia includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; increase in number of personnel; construction of border fencing & floodlighting; use of water crafts/boats and floating Border Out Posts (BOP) for domination of riverine area; deployment of advance technological equipments like Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Night vision Device (NVD), Twin Telescope, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV); upgradation of intelligence setup and enhanced coordination with the State Governments/ intelligence agencies.