

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2142**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH MARCH, 2025/ PHALGUNA 28, 1946 (SAKA)

CROSS BORDER SMUGGLING

2142 # SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to contain cross border smuggling;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the cases registered during the last five years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b) : The Government of India has undertaken several measures for containing cross border smuggling. The Government of India, through its border guarding forces (BGFs), has adopted a multi-pronged approach to curb cross border smuggling such as:

- **Enhanced Border Surveillance: Deployment of advanced surveillance equipments such as CCTV, drones, automatic number plate recognition systems.**
- **Strengthening Border Infrastructure: Development of fencing, border outposts, roads, and helipads to enhance vigilance and mobility of security forces.**

- **Regular Patrolling & Checkpoints: Intensified area domination through patrolling, Naka points, and mobile teams to monitor illegal activities.**
- **Intelligence & Coordination: Close collaboration between intelligence agencies and other organizations for real-time information sharing through established platforms.**
- **Regulated Cross-Border Movement: Identification and management of designated entry/exit points to ensure controlled movement of people and goods.**
- **Community Engagement & Awareness: Programs to educate border residents and discourage them from aiding/abetting smuggling activities.**
- **Cross-Border Cooperation: Coordination with neighbouring countries through meetings and joint initiatives to strengthen enforcement measures.**

(c) : The details of registered cases are available with State police as the apprehended persons who indulge in smuggling activities and seized contraband items are handed over to the nearest police station/ civil administration.
