

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the incidents reported in the news-item relate to areas outside the jurisdiction of Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) There has been a progressive decline in IPC related crimes reported in Delhi since 1999. The steps taken by Delhi Police to effectively tackle the law and order situation in Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; improved coordination with police officers of neighbouring States; and meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations.

Tension of Indo-Bangla border

†2813. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing tension on the Indo-Bangla border;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking in this regard; and

(c) the total number of casualties among security personnel and civilians so far in the ambushes took place on the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken various steps to ease the tension which include holding of flag-meetings with Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at various levels. Meetings of the Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Border Guarding Forces of both the countries are also held to defuse the tensions.

(c) The number of casualties among security personnel and civilians during the last three years are as under :

Year	Casualties	
	BSF	Civilians
2000	10	27
2001	20	87
2002	06	128
2003	01	06

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.