

1	2	3	4	5
15	Orissa	430 747	457 335	444 00
16	Punjab	187 500	64 000	7 60
17	Rajasthan	820 438	811 890	1332 50
18	Sikkim	55 857	52 723	49 68
19	Tamil Nadu	1425 00	1337 785	951 17
20	Tripura	67 276	11 500	21 09
21	Uttar Pradesh	193 24	511 900	730 21
22	West Bengal	224 792	225 000	205 70
Total		9040 00	8824 138	8820 00

* N.R. : Money not released

Influx of Infiltrators

*194. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether influx of infiltrators from across the borders of the country is still continuing;

(b) whether recent influx of foreigners is the main cause of tension in the North-East region of the country;

(c) whether the Government have evolved any fresh strategy to check influx of foreigners in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (e). In view of the very long land borders with neighbouring countries, and because of various push and pull factors, infiltration into the country, which is a serious and ongoing problem, continues though at a reduced rate. It is one of the causes of tension in the North Eastern region of the country. The Government of India has taken a serious note of the problem and has taken a series of measures to curb and prevent infiltration. These measures include, inter alia, the following :

(1) *Strengthening of the border Security force*

This includes

- (i) raising of additional battalions under the expansion plan of the Border Security Force;
- (ii) reducing gaps between the Border outposts;
- (iii) increase in the number of OP towers;
- (iv) provision of surveillance equipments and night vision devices; and
- (v) raising of riverine water wing of the Border Security Force

(2) *Fencing, Flood Lighting and Patrolling*

This includes

- (i) construction of border roads and fence on the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders;
 - (ii) flood lighting in the sensitive stretches on the Indo-Pak border; and
 - (iii) intensification of patrolling along the border.
- (3) *Surveillance on the coastal area*

This includes

- (i) intensive surveillance by Naval vessels on the high seas;
- (ii) joint Coast Guard Navy surveillance in the territorial waters; and
- (iii) patrolling by joint detachments of Navy (Coast Guard), Customs and State Police through trawlers in the shallow water along the shore.

4. *Intelligence Gathering, Sharing and Coordination :*

Intelligence gathering is being constantly monitored to ensure that more and more pin-pointed and actionable intelligence is available. Mechanisms have been set up to share such information, promptly with the State Governments.

5 Other Measures :

There are schemes such as Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF) in Assam and Meghalaya and Mobile Task Force (MTF) in West Bengal and Tripura which are being implemented by the concerned States to detect infiltrations.

Standing instructions have been issued to the Border Security Force, State Governments and UT Administrations for detection and deportation of infiltrators.

Based on the reports received from the States of the North Eastern Region and West Bengal, Border Security Force and other agencies, a regular review is undertaken to monitor the situation on an on-going basis.

Use of Polythene Bags

*195. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Slow poisoning via polythene bags" which appeared in the "Statesman", dated June 5, 1996;