

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FLOATING BORDER OUTPOSTS

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Central Government have taken decision to have `floating` border outposts to check infiltration, illegal immigration and smuggling:

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the existing system to check infiltration etc. by the various security agencies has been found to be ineffective and outdated; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the new system is likely to be effective in dealing with infiltration, smuggling etc.?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A decision has been taken by the Central Government to procure 14 numbers floating border outposts for deployment in the creek areas of Gujarat and riverine areas of Indo-Bangladesh border. The first set of three floating border outposts has since been commissioned.

(c) & (d): The Government has taken several steps including augmentation of troops at border outposts, use of night vision devices, undertaking mobile patrolling etc. to check infiltration, etc. on the border. The floating border outposts are being deployed to facilitate better domination of the riverine and creek areas which are otherwise difficult to monitor. This would improve the effectiveness of the Border Guarding Force in dealing with infiltration, smuggling etc. from across such areas.