

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2079
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SAFETY OF VILLAGERS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken steps to provide safety to the people living in villages on the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Security Personnel and civilians killed/injured due to firing by the B.D.R. during 2002 and 2003, till date; and
- (d) the compensation paid to the victims?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) and (d): Yes Sir. The Government have taken various steps for ensuring safety of the people living in villages along Indo-Bangladesh border which includes:

- (i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;
- (ii) Erection of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (iii) Conduct of special operations;
- (iv) Up-gradation of intelligence network;
- (v) Use of night-vision devices;
- (vi) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties; and
- (vii) Forward shifting of BoPs and OP Towers for better observations.

(c) & (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.