

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2054
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SKIRMISHES WITH INFILTRATORS
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the skirmishes with infiltrators and neighboring countries on various borders of the country during the last one year;
- (b) the details of the total of lives and property; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to stop such activities on the border?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There are no reports of skirmishes with infiltrators and neighboring countries on Indo-China, Indo-Myanmar, Indo-Bhutan, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders during the last one year. However, 50 infiltration bids were foiled by Security Forces near LOC/IB portion of the Indo-Pakistan border in which 172 terrorists including 140 foreign mercenaries have been killed during the year 2003 till November.

(c): The Government have initiated a number of measures including erection of fencing and flood lighting on the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders, strengthening of intelligence network, augmenting the strength for patrolling duties, use of night vision devices and conduct of special operations. On the Jammu and Kashmir sector of the Indo-Pakistan border, the Government, conjointly with the State Government, have adopted multi-pronged approach which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management and multi-tiered and multi-model deployment along with International border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes and pro-active action against terrorists etc.