

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a spurt in infiltration from Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start air surveillance through helicopters on Indo-Bangladesh border to check infiltration; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The Indo-Bangladesh border is manned by the Border Security Force (BSF) under the administrative control of Ministry of Home Affairs. According to information received from the BSF, there is no spurt in infiltration from the Bangladesh border and at present there is no proposal to start air surveillance through helicopters on the Indo-Bangladesh border.