

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:972

ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005

ACTIVITIES OF BDR

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Jawans sneaked into a village of West Bangal across Indian border and ransacked/looted the village;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. On 14th October, 2005, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) troops in uniform from BDR BOP, Bhaighar, ex-15 R Bn illegally transgressed into Indian territory in Village Dhimpur, District Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal and physically assaulted the Indian citizens, by resorting to firing, looting and ransacking the houses. They also took away the articles including Motor Cycle, Mobile Phone, Gold ornaments and Cash. On receipt of information, BSF troops rushed to the spot and recovered some of the articles. BSF held flag meetings and lodged protest note with the BDR. Ministry of External Affairs has also lodged a protest note with the High Commission of People's Republic of Bangladesh on this incident and requested to take necessary action to avoid reoccurrence of such incidents.