

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1765
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INFILTRATION OF INSURGENT TO BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of wanted insurgent activities from India's restive North-Eastern States are being infiltrated to Bangladesh and are carrying on their operations from the soil of Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent such infiltration of insurgents to Bangladesh and to convince the Bangladesh Government of their presence in that country and need to check such operations?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The porous Indo-Bangladesh border provides easy access and safe routes for infiltration/exfiltration to the North Eastern militants for their trans-border movements for conducting subversive activities from the soil of Bangladesh.

(b): The Government has taken various measures to check such infiltration/ movements, which includes raising of additional Battalions of Border Security Force; reduction of gaps between the border outposts; intensification of patrolling, both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing; increase in the number of outposts, towers, provision of surveillance equipments, etc.

The Government has also taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh on several fora at the highest level. The Bangladesh Government have reiterated that they do not provide sanctuary to elements prejudicial to the interest of India and have denied the existence of Indian Insurgents or their camps in Bangladesh.