

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SMUGGLING OF CATTLE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether smuggling of cattle from India to Bangladesh has turned out to be a major menace for the BSF personnel manning the posts;
- (b) if so, the number of smugglers apprehended on Indo-Bangladesh Border during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps the Government proposes to take to check this illegal trade?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The number of smuggler apprehended by BSF on Indo-Bangladesh border during the last three years are given below:

2003	1971
2004	1639
2005	1839
2006	822
(Upto April)	

The following steps have been taken to check the illegal cattle trade:

- (i) Special drives are undertaken on the border to check the illegal smuggling of cattle;
- (ii) Unfenced gaps in the border fence are being plugged with improvised fencing. Fencing is being extended to as many areas as feasible;
- (iii) Special raids are carried out in depth areas in coordination with local police and Customs departments;
- (iv) Establishment of new BOPs -maximum average inter-BOP distance is sought to be reduced to 3.5 km.; and
- (v) A pilot project of flood lighting of 277 km of West Bengal border has been approved. Out of this, approximately 50% of this stretch has been completed.