

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3599
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SMUGGLING OF ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that animals of various species are being smuggled from India to Bangladesh every year;
- (b) if so, the number of animals smuggled during the last two years, species-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check smuggling of livestock from India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The number of cattle seized by Border Security Force on the Eastern Border are as follows:-

Year	No. of Cattle
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2004	96056
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2005	64093
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(c): Following steps have been taken by Border Security Force to check smuggling of livestock from India:-

- (i) Round the clock surveillance of the borders by carrying out patrolling (on foot, by boats and mobile), laying nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international Border.
- (ii) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister intelligence agencies.
- (iii) Conduct of special operations, along the borders.
- (iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipment including night vision devices.
- (v) Erection of fencing along the International Border.
- (vi) Increasing the number of Border Out Posts and Border Security Force deployment on the International Border.
- (vii) Construction of border roads to facilitate border patrolling.