

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:58
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SMUGGLING OF CATTLE ON BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the smuggling of cattle is on the rise on the international borders of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of cases reported during each of the last three years, borderwise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such smugglings on the borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.58 FOR 09.11.2010

(a) to (c): Smuggling of cattle through international borders with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan has been reported. The Indo-Bangladesh border is not yet fully fenced and is characterised by thick vegetation, hills and forest area, riverine and low-lying patches and thick population right upto zero line, thereby making it prone to illegal cross border activities including cattle smuggling. Along Indo-Nepal and Indo -Bhutan borders a free movement regime exists which facilitate smuggling of cattle through these borders.

The border guarding forces deployed on these borders, has reported the details of cattle smuggling during each of the last three years as below:-

Name of border No. of cattle seized

2007 2008 2009

Indo-Bangladesh 133173 120547 114790

Indo-Nepal 1202 1230 444

Indo-Bhutan 1 191 113

The Government has adopted the multi-pronged approach to stop cross border criminal activities including cattle smuggling. The steps taken in this regard, inter-alia, include –

Domination of border by patrolling, laying nakas/ ambushes and carrying out special operations.

Construction of fencing, patrol roads, floodlighting and additional Border Out Posts.

Use of water crafts/ boats and floating Border Out Posts in riverine segments.

Use of force multipliers like Hand Held Thermal Imager, Battle Field Surveillance Radars, Night Vision Devices/ Night Vision goggle.

Special operation with local sister agencies.

Construction of additional Border Out Posts along borders to reduce inter se distance for proper domination of border by the Border Guarding Forces.

Up-gradation of intelligence network and construction-ordination with sister agencies.

Besides, Government has sanctioned additional 16 Battalions to augment Border Out Posts in riverine/ hilly/ vulnerable segments of the Indo-Bangladesh border to be raised in a phased manner from 2009-10 to 2013-14. Of these two Battalions have already been raised and deployed on the border.