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Title : Need to sanction more marine police stations in Orissa to check infiltration from Bangladesh.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing me to raise a very important issue of public importance. With terrorist attacks in India now increasingly linked to Bangladesh, Orissa which grapples with problems of infiltration is hard-pressed to secure itself from becoming a safe haven for the extremists. Over the years infiltration of Bangladeshis into India has defied solution. Official figures say that more than 20 million Bangladeshis reside illegally in India. The recent UNCTAD report – a United Nations organisation – on Bangladesh is an eye opener because it has rung the warning bell. There is a need for proper fortification of India's 4,300 kilometre long frontiers with Bangladesh[\[krr73\]](#).

At the same time, all the States bordering Bangladesh should step up surveillance so also the States which are on the eastern coast. Managing the long coastline has emerged as the major headache despite the deployment of Coast Guard.

In Orissa, there is a need to strengthen the surveillance and policing network, especially in the six coastal districts which are highly vulnerable. Kendrapara has just six police stations while Jagatsinhpur has only eight. Besides controlling law and order, keeping a tab on infiltration is a tall order. There is a need to have marine policing system in a structured manner which can help arrest infiltration. Their operation will be monitoring sea routes and riverine belts by using boats and trained personnel.

Out of 18 marine police stations proposed by the Orissa Government last year, only five have been sanctioned for as many districts, that is, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jagatsinhpur, Kendrapara and Ganjam. Jaipur has been left out. Setting up a marine police station with adequate trained personnel is time-consuming. As terrorist activities are increasing so also the influx of Bangladeshis, it is high time that the Government should act. I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps and sanction more number of marine police stations in Orissa at the earliest.