

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2223**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016/AGRAHAYANA 8, 1938 (SAKA)
SMUGGLING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the presence of large number of smugglers indulging in fake Indian currency notes, gold, cattle, drugs and essential items have been reported along the Indo-Bangladesh border;**
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported, smugglers arrested and quantum of smuggled items seized during last three years and the current year;**
- (c) whether Border Security Force and Border Guard of Bangladesh are now preparing to create a database of criminals to track the criminals indulging in illegal activities;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of vulnerable stretches identified on the said border along with the time by which the work on sealing the said stretches will be started and completed; and**
- (f) the measures taken to provide more powers to BSF to check smuggling at borders along with the other steps taken to check smuggling on the said border?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

(a) & (b) The details of seizure of Fake Indian Currency Notes(FICN) Gold, Animal, Drugs and weapons during last three years and current Year (upto 31.10.2016) on Indo-Bangladesh Border(IBB)are placed at Annexure.

(c) & (d) The Director Generals of Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) do exchange booklets containing all the details of criminals/smugglers with each other during BSF & BGB level talks every year.

(e) Vulnerable stretches are identified and reviewed time to time from the point of view of cross border crimes and such stretches are plugged/strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipments, vehicles, other infrastructure support and force multiplier as per requirement.

(f) BSF is equipped with required powers to check smuggling at Borders. The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to check smuggling at the Indo-Bangladesh Border(IBB). The arrangements include deployment of Border Security Forces (BSF), construction of border fence, constructions of border roads, installations of floodlights, construction of Border Out Posts (BOPs), introduction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments, providing weapons and Specialised Vehicles to Security Forces, etc.

Smuggling along Indo-Bangladesh Border

Annexure

Items	2013				2014				2015				2016 (31.10.2016)			
	No. of cases	Smugglers		Qty	No. of cases	Smugglers		Qty	No. of cases	Smugglers		Qty	No. of cases	Smugglers		Qty
		Apprehended	Killed			Apprehended	Killed			Apprehended	Killed			Apprehended	Killed	
FICN (in Rs)	55	49	0	9574800	64	62	0	19452000	46	30	0	4069800	39	32	0	14104000
Drugs (In Kgs)	478	39	0	8050.849	552	33	0	15333.779	528	24	0	16658.16	653	51	2	9319.471
Animals (In Nos)	14926	421	10	122000	12865	386	6	109999	17537	605	17	153602	17345	562	6	146967
Gold (in Kgs)	25	21	0	8.429	59	49	0	94.412	37	20	0	27.059	34	55	0	17.396
Weapon (In Nos)	32	25	0	46	38	54	0	60	42	27	0	72	32	22	0	68