

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1874**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025/ PHALGUNA 20, 1946 (SAKA)**

**SMUGGLING ALONG INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER**

**1874. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:**

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

**(a) whether the Government is aware that there is rampant smuggling along the entire India-Bangladesh Border;**

**(b) whether the Government has estimated the value of smuggling that takes place, if so, the details thereof during the last ten years, year-wise;**

**(c) the steps being taken to control the same since the responsibility of guarding the borders lies with the Union Government; and**

**(d) whether adequate arrangements have been made to install proper flood lighting along the border?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b): BSF troops are dominating Indo-Bangladesh Border round the clock to prevent trans-border smuggling. The details of seizure of contraband items during the last ten years on Indo-Bangladesh Border is as under: -**

<b>S/NO</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Seizure (Rs. in Lakhs)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>24688.88</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>19020.13</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>22488.29</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>13735.67</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>16987.97</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>24770.67</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>34673.19</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>34947.73</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>43197.44</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>46107.70</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>280617.67</b>

**(c) & (d): BSF has adopted a multi-pronged approach to check smuggling activities along Indo-Bangladesh border which inter-alia includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; increase in number of personnel; construction of border fencing & border floodlighting; use of water crafts/boats and floating Border Out Posts (BOP) for domination of riverine area; deployment of advance technological equipments like Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Night Vision Device (NVD), Twin Telescope, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV); upgradation of intelligence setup and enhanced coordination with the State Governments/ intelligence agencies.**

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