

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2870**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH MARCH, 2025/ PHALGUNA 27, 1946 (SAKA)

DRONE SIGHTINGS ALONG THE PUNJAB BORDER

2870. SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of drone sightings reported along the Punjab border in 2024;**
- (b) the number of drones seized by security forces;**
- (c) the measures taken to counter the threat of drone-based smuggling; and**
- (d) the details of the specialized anti-drone unit established in Punjab?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) & (b): Based on the information received from various sources, Border Security Force (BSF) has seized 294 drones on Punjab border in 2024.

(c) & (d): The following measures have been taken to counter the threat of drone-based smuggling:

(i) Anti-drone systems are deployed along the Punjab border to counter drones.

(ii) Any information received about drones is immediately shared with Control Room of BSF Headquarters, Air Forces and local Police Station.

(iii) The adjoining Border Out Posts (BOPs) and Nakas/ Observation Posts have been alerted to identify the path taken by Unmanned Arial Vehicle (UAV)/ drone and to be ready to engage with the UAVs/ drones.

(iv) The UAV/ drones are observed/ pursued with the help of surveillance equipment during day and night.

(v) Strengthening of intelligence (Int) network and timely coordination with sister agencies.

(vi) Various choke points are kept under surveillance to nab the smugglers.

(vii) The general public in border areas are sensitized about such UAV/ drone activities and their likely security implications.
