

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2465**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018/SHRAVANA 17, 1940 (SAKA)**

**ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF COWS ON INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER**

**2465. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:**

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

**(a) whether Government is aware that illegal transportation of cows on Indo-Bangladesh border is rampant;**

**(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to arrest such illegal transportation of cows from India to Bangladesh;**

**(c) the total number of cases of illegal transportation of cows registered during the last three years, year-wise; and**

**(d) the total number of persons prosecuted/punished during the last three years for illegal transportation of cows on Indo-Bangladesh Border?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): A Committee was constituted by MHA to evolve a comprehensive future plan to effectively deal with the issue of smuggling of cattle to Bangladesh. The Committee has submitted its recommendations broadly covering capacity building, creation of infrastructure (transport & housing), checks & safeguards, monitoring mechanism, etc. and the same were accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The recommendations have been circulated to all stakeholders/State Governments for implementation. Besides, the following steps are being taken by BSF :**

- Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round the clock patrolling, laying nakas, establishing observation posts all along the International Border and strengthening of existing defences of the Border Out Posts (BOPs).**

- **Vulnerability mapping of BOPs to assess the sensitivity of area of responsibility for cross border crimes is being reviewed regularly and accordingly, sensitive BOPs are being strengthened by deploying additional manpower, special surveillance equipment and other force multiplier.**
- **Erection of border fencing on the International Border.**
- **Installation of border floodlight along border security fence to lit up the area.**
- **Use of Water crafts/boats and floating BOPs for domination of riverine area of IB.**
- **Simultaneous Co-ordinated Patrolling is being conducted with Border Guard Bangladesh on Indo-Bangladesh border.**
- **Conduct of special operations along the border and depth areas.**
- **Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with sister agencies.**

**(c): The number of cases of cattle smuggling, cattle seized and persons apprehended during the last three years and current year along Indo-Bangladesh Border is as below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of cases of cattle smuggling</b>	<b>No. of cattle seized by BSF</b>	<b>Smugglers arrested</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>17537</b>	<b>153602</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>20903</b>	<b>168801</b>	<b>670</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>17919</b>	<b>119299</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>2018 (upto 30.06.2018)</b>	<b>4938</b>	<b>21617</b>	<b>99</b>

**(d): The details of number of persons prosecuted/punished during the last three years for illegal transportation of cows on Indo-Bangladesh Border is as below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of cases of cattle smuggling</b>	<b>No. of FIRs lodged by BSF in cattle smuggling cases</b>	<b>No. of cases in which charge-sheet filed</b>	<b>No. of cases finalized/ conviction</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>17537</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>20903</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>17919</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>4938 (upto June, 2018)</b>	<b>84 (upto May, 2018)</b>	<b>0 (upto May, 2018)</b>	<b>0 (upto May, 2018)</b>

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