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## Border infiltration declining: Govt



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There has been a steep in the cases of infiltrating from across the Indo-Bangla border if the government ius to be beleived. According to a home ministry statement, till June this year, 991 foreign infiltrators were held along the Indo-Bangla border while 2559 such persons were apprehended last year. In 2007 and 2006, the figures were 4206 and 5130 respectively.

The statement has claimed that the Government has adopted a "multi-pronged approach" to contain cross-border infiltration which includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts.

According to the home ministry, priority has also been given to expedite construction of border fencing and flood lighting, introduction of modern surveillance equipment, upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the state governments concerned.

Records available said about 1800 kms of fencing along the border has been completed under Phase II of the project. Replacement of 376 km of fencing has also been completed under Phase III. A total of 2579.22 km of fencing and 1422.45 km of roads under Phase II are scheduled to be completed at a cost of Rs 4393.67 crore within 2010.



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