

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHECK POSTS ON BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the distance between two BSF posts at the international border of Indo-Bangladesh;
- (b) the total length of the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (c) whether the distance between two posts of BSF is quite secure and concrete to check infiltration;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to reduce the distance between two check posts to check infiltration and free movement of the robbers, burglars and other criminals of Bangladesh effectively; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. RAGHUPATHY)

(a)to(e): The total length of the Indo-Bangladesh border (IBB) is 4,095.7 kms. Presently, the average distance between two BSF BOPs on this border is 4.95 kms. Considering the vulnerability and porosity of the IBB, it is proposed to reduce this distance further. A number of new BSF posts have been accordingly established with a view to effectively check infiltration and other illegal cross border activities. To check infiltration and trans-border crimes, following measures have been taken:

- (i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;
- (ii) Conduct of special operations;
- (iii) Up-gradation of intelligence net-work;
- (iv) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties;
- (v) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads; and
- (vi) Modernization of BSF and State police forces;