

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any revised guidelines to border States for the development of villages located upto ten kilometers of international borders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and implementation status thereon; and
- (c) the extent to which this plan has been able to check terrorism in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government of India has been implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in the border blocks, through 17 State Governments having land borders with India's neighbouring countries. The objectives of BADP are to meet the special developmental needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international land border and to saturate the border areas with basic essential infrastructure through the convergence of Central/State/BADP/local schemes and participatory approach.

Guidelines of the BADP have been revised in February, 2009 in consultation with the State Governments. As per the revised guidelines, the State Governments concerned shall arrange to utilize the BADP funds only in those villages of the border blocks, which are located `within 0-10 km` from the international border. Those villages, which are located nearer to the international border, will get first priority. After saturating these villages with basic infrastructure, the next set of villages located within 0-15 km and 0-20 km would be taken up. If the first village in a block is located at a far away location from the international border, the first village/hamlet in the block may be taken as `0` km distance village for drawing the priority list. The revised guidelines of the BADP have come into force with effect from the Financial Year 2009-10, for compliance by the State Governments concerned.

The Border Area Development Programme (BADP) emphasizes the focused socio-economic development of border areas which are generally under developed. The process of socio-economic development in the border areas has brought confidence and belongingness amongst the border population. The convergence of BADP with other State/Central Plan Schemes has activated the process of development.