

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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GUARDING OF BORDER BY ITBP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Force guarding the Indo-Tibetan border in Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir is fully prepared to meet threats of terrorism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are others forces involved in guarding the Indo-Tibetan border; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to strengthen the forces guarding the said border areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): The ITBP is deployed to guard the Indo-China border in J&K (Ladakh), Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. ITBP is fully prepared to meet any threat of trans-border terrorism.

(i) Border Out Posts (BOPs) have been established along the entire length of the 3488 Km long Indo-China border to ensure border guarding.

(ii) ITBP regularly patrols the border and crossing points/passes are kept under surveillance by positioning Observation Post during day and Listening Post by night.

(iii) The troops are trained in conventional and unconventional warfare and anti-terrorist and Counter Insurgency operations.

(iv) ITBP is the Lead Intelligence Agency (LIA) along the Indo-China border in the States of J&K (Ladakh), Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand.

(c): No other Central Para-Military Force is involved in guarding the Indo-China border along Tibet. However, the Army is also deployed in border areas.

(d): The following steps have been taken to strengthen the forces guarding the border areas:

(i) Threat perception and security analysis along the border is periodically reviewed.

(ii) Recently, Government has approved upgradation of 6 existing BOPs and creation of one new BOP along the border in the States of J&K (Ladakh), Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh.

(iii) It is further clarified that the augmentation of existing BOPs and creation of new BOPs is an ongoing process.