## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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PAK CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON BORDER
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## Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the recent increase in the construction activities by Pakistan in the border region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the strategy/measures to counter such activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(d): Government is aware through intelligence inputs that Pakistan has constructed and carried out repairs of bunkers, morchas and towers as per the following details:-

Particulars 2004 upto October, 2011

Bunkers 856

Morcha 261

Towers 378

Post/Border Out Posts (BOPs) 143

Protests have been lodged with Pakistan Rangers and Flag Meetings of Field Commanders are held in all cases. The matter is also taken up by BSF with Pakistan Rangers during scheduled meetings at various levels. Following steps have been taken by the Government to check infiltration from across the border:-

- (i) Round the clock surveillance and patrolling of the borders. The domination of riverine borders is being done through water crafts and floating Border Out Posts.
- (ii) Establishment of observations posts;
- (iii) Construction of border fencing and floodlighting;
- (iv) Introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipments;
- (v) Establishment of additional Border Out Posts along the borders to reduce inter-se distance of BOPs;
- (vi) Up-gradation of Intelligence set up; and

(vii) Appropriate co-ordination with the concerned State Governments and the Intelligence agencies.