GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4435 ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011 CONSTRUCTION BY PAKISTAN ALONG THE BORDER Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada;Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has undertaken construction of large number of barracks and towers along the border even after ceasefire agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has expressed its concern to Pakistani Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (b) Government has seen reports that Pakistan has constructed and carried out repair of bunkers, morchas and towers. The details, as per available records, are as follows:

Particulars 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 Total

Bunkers 101 65 131 63 85 133 159 119 856

Morchas 14 14 29 34 54 67 14 35 261

Towers 29 81 53 112 24 48 41 09 378

Posts/BOPs# 18 35 30 33 02 16 07 02 143

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(c) to (e) Regarding such construction work, wherever applicable, protests have been lodged with Pakistan Rangers and the Flag Meetings of the field commanders are held in all the cases. The matter is also taken up by the Border Security Force (BSF) with Pakistan Rangers during scheduled meetings at various levels.