

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD NETWORK IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is poor connectivity in the border areas of the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to build more roads for better connectivity between habitations in the border areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total habitations which are proposed to be connected with roads in the border areas; and
- (e) the total estimated cost of building the said roads in the border areas of the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): There is no special project under the consideration of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for connectivity of the border areas with roads. However, Govt. of India has been implementing a Border Area Development Programme (BADP) through the State Govt. as a part of a comprehensive approach to Border Management in 358 identified border blocks of 96 districts of 17 border States which constitutes international land border with neighbouring countries. The main objective of the BADP is to meet the special developmental needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas with the entire essential infrastructure through convergence of Central/State/ BADP/Local schemes and participatory approach. The programme is a gap filling programme and supplemental in nature. The developmental activities under BADP relate to social infrastructure, link roads, employment generation, education, health, agriculture and allied sectors. The funds are provided to the States as a 100% non-lapsable Central Grant for supplementing the State efforts. While Government of India lays down the broad guidelines, the scheme/ projects are finalized and executed by the State Governments.

In addition to the above, MHA has taken up construction of roads along various borders which are primarily meant for the operational convenience of the Border Guarding Forces.