GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1575 ANSWERED ON:21.08.2012 BORDER OUTPOSTS Ering Shri Ninong;Sugumar Shri K.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up new border outposts along the international borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh to check infiltration and cross border movement of terrorists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, border-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is exploring the use of modern technology in border management through proper fencing, flood lighting and other latest technologies available in this field; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government has approved setting up of additional 509 Border Out Posts (BOPs) in February, 2009. The border-wise details are as under:-

Indo-Bangladesh Border

State Nos. of BOPs to be established West Bengal 223 Meghalaya 17 Assam 06 Tripura 64 Mizoram 73

Total 383

Indo-Pakistan Border

State Nos. of BOPs to be established

Jammu 38 Punjab 01 Rajasthan 23 Gujarat 64

Total 126

(c) to (d): The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for better border management which includes infrastructures like BOPs, fencing, floodlighting, roads and also deployment of Hi-Tech surveillance equipment like Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Battle Field Surveillance Radars (BFSR), Long Range Reconnaissance and Observation System (LORROS) and Night Vision Devices.