

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TUNNEL ALONG INDO PAK BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a tunnel running across the Indo-Pak border in the State of Jammu and Kashmir was detected recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said tunnel could not be detected by the security forces despite heavy security along the said border;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): A tunnel (approx. 5 feet height and 2.5 3 feet width) was detected by the Border Security Force (BSF) in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of Border Out Post (BOP) Chilliyari, behind border fence in Samba Sector of Jammu & Kashmir on 27th July, 2012. This tunnel is opposite to Border Post No.170 and is 340 metres away from the international boundary.

(c) to (e) The tunnel has been detected at a depth of approx.25 feet with dead end at Indian side. However, the other end towards Pakistan side could not be ascertained due to lack of expertise and requisite equipments for assessing the dimension of this tunnel in BSF. Since the digging of tunnel has been carried out at deep inside the earth, the detection of such tunneling is not feasible within the human capabilities. However, the spontaneous and prompt action by BSF on notice of subsidence of land at 3 places in linear fashion led to the detection of above mentioned tunnel and subsequently thwarted the nefarious designs of anti-national elements