

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:757

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RETREAT CEREMONY AT INDO BANGLADESH BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to conduct Wagah like retreat ceremony at the Indo-Bangladesh border shortly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such retreat ceremony is likely to be conducted?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): During the Director General Level Talks held in March, 2013 at New Delhi between Border Security Force and Border Guards Bangladesh, it was decided to commence Joint Retreat Ceremony at Integrated Check Postgs Benapole-Petrapole in the first phase and subsequently at Burimari- Changrabands, Akhaura-Agartala and Banglabandha-Phulbari, between troops of BSF & BGB. Hon'ble Home Minister inaugurated the joint retreat ceremony at ICP Petrapole on 6th November, 2013 in the presence of Hon'ble Home Minister of Bangladesh.