

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3802
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TUNNEL ALONG BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any report of construction of border tunnel on the line-of-control of the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) & (b): An underground tunnel was discovered by Indian Army troops in general area Chakla of Pallanwala sector (Jammu District) on 21st August, 2014 approximately 300 metres on our side of the Line of Control (LC). No exit point of the tunnel was found.

(c): Government regularly reviews the threat perception to secure our borders and protect national interest. Appropriate measures are taken from time to time to maintain/upgrade the country's defence preparedness along the border to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India. Further, areas along the borders are also kept under surveillance by regular patrolling by troops and other aerial, optronic and electronic means etc.