

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION ALONG INDO CHINA BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of villages located at the Indo-China border and the population of those villages;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the large scale migration, food security, lack of basic amenities due to heightened tension in the border areas; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken by the Government to protect the people living in all the border villages in the country?

Answer

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

(a): As per the information received from the States which constitutes international border with China, There are 1714 estimated number of villages in the border blocks located at the Indo-China border and the population of those villages is 376678 (as per census 2011).

(b) & (c): Government of India is seized of the matter and has been implementing the Border Area Development Programme through the State Governments. This programme is a part of comprehensive approach to the Border Management to meet the special developmental needs and to promote sense of security and wellbeing among the people living in the remote and inaccessible border areas and to saturate the border areas with essential infrastructure through convergence with other Central/State/Local schemes and participatory approach.

The programme is supplemental in nature to fill the gaps as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme. It is being implemented in 375 border blocks of 103 border districts in 17 States along the international land borders (including blocks along India-China border). The developmental activities under BADP relate to infrastructure development such as link roads, employment generation, education, health, drinking water, electricity, agriculture and allied sectors etc.

Guidelines of BADP also provide for development of villages particularly of those located in the remote hilly areas closer to the international land borders through Skill Development of the youth, Tourism development etc. to contain migration from the border areas. From the year 2012 onwards, State Governments have been requested to utilize at least of 5% of the allocation of the State under BADP for skill development and capacity building of the people living in border areas.