

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1224
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TRAINING FOR YOUTHS ALONG BORDERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide skill training to the youths residing in border areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government of India has been implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) through the State Governments in 367 border blocks of 104 districts of 17 States (viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal), to meet the special developmental needs and well being of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas. The programme is a 100% Special Central Assistance and supplementary support to the State Governments in filling the gaps in socio-economic infrastructure in border villages. Guidelines of the BADP provide for inclusion of scheme of capacity building program by way of Vocational studies and training for youth for self employment and skill up gradation. It has been made obligatory on the part of the State Governments to include the schemes of skill development, capacity building and employment generation upto 5% of their annual allocation under BADP.