

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2197
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2015
CROSS BORDER TRADE AND MOVEMENTS
Mufti Smt. Mehbooba

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to expand and ease the cross border movement of people and trade in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to open more routes along the Line of Control and International Border like Suchetgarh- Sialkote in Jammu, Kargil-Skardu in Kargil and Turtuk-Khapulu in Leh for trade and movement of people;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government towards expanding cross border movement of people and facilitation of trade between the two parts of Kashmir to strengthen the confidence building measure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

- (a): No Madam;
- (b): Question does not arise in view of (a) above;
- (c): No Madam;
- (d) to (e): The matter regarding expanding cross-border movement of people and facilitation of trade between the two parts of Kashmir to strengthen the confidence building measures is continuously reviewed/taken up by MEA in the various meetings of the Joint Working Group.