GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Infiltration and Smuggling along Borders
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the cases of infiltration and smuggling reported and the number of infiltrators/smugglers arrested and killed at various international borders during the current year, State and border-wise;
- (b) the status of fencing and flood highlighting, State and border-wise;
- (c) the details of roads constructed along the border areas to check smuggling and infiltration, border-wise; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to check smuggling and infiltration at international borders of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The details regarding cases of infiltration and smuggling, no. of infiltrators/smugglers arrested and killed at various international borders during the current year (up to 30/6/2015), State and border-wise are at Annexure.
- (b) The fencing and floodlighting has been sanctioned by the Government along the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders. Fencing has also been sanctioned in a small patch of about 10 km along the Indo-Myanmar border.

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The details of fencing and floodlighting along the Indo-Bangladesh border are as under: (length in km)

Name of the State Fencing Floodlighting

Sanctioned Completed Sanctioned Completed

West Bengal 1464.78 1241.725 1411.13 1119.59

Assam 229.03 223.89 208.74 155.30

Meghalaya 453.41 349.8 443.00 170.00

Tripura 834.51 749.86 718.47 660.00

Mizoram 344.41 142.89 335.66 46.20

Total 3326.14 2708.165 3117.00 2151.09

The details of fencing and floodlighting along the Indo-Pakistan border are as under: (length in Km)

Name of the State Fencing Floodlighting

Sanctioned Completed Sanctioned Completed

Punjab 488.79 488.79 481.64 481.64

Rajasthan 1056.63 1048.27 1022.80 1022.80

Jammu International Border 186 186 186 176.40

Gujarat 340 262.7 340 293

TOTAL 2071.42 1985.76 2030.44 1973.84

Indo-Myanmar Border:

The fencing along the Indo-Myanmar border has been sanctioned only in the State of Manipur for a stretch of 10.00 km., out of which about 4.00 km of work has been completed.

(c) The Government has sanctioned roads in border areas from strategic point of view to check smuggling and infiltration along the Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-China, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bhutan and Indo-Pakistan borders. The border-wise details are as follows:

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Border Sanctioned Roads Completed Roads Indo-Bangladesh 4379.07 km 3560.76 km Indo-Pakistan 473.26 km 394.54 km Indo-China 3773.77 km 2128.79 km Indo-Nepal 1377 km 27.34 km Indo-Bhutan 313 Km --

(d) Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach for effective domination and to check trans-border crimes including smuggling and infiltration along the International Borders of the country. The steps taken in this regard inter-alia include:

• Effective domination of the borders by the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) through carrying out round the clock surveillance of the borders by patrolling nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international borders of the country.

• The riverine segments of International Borders of the country are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of Border Guarding Forces (BGFs).

• Usages of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments along with day and night vision devices for further enhancing the border domination.

• Vulnerability mapping of the Border Out Posts (BOPs) which are sensitive with regard to infiltration/smuggling along the Borders has been carried out. These identified BOPs have been strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipment, vehicles and other infrastructure support.

• Construction of fence, border roads, floodlights and additional Border Out Posts(BOPs) along the Borders.