## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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INFILTRATION FROM ACROSS THE BORDER
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## Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the riverine stretches along the Indo- Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders remain unfenced leaving scope for infiltration of terrorists and if so, the details thereof including the percentage of frontier/ stretches which remain unfenced;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to induct advanced technology like laser beams to check infiltration from these stretches;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to instal anti-tunnel ground sensors and thermal sensors in the fenced stretches of the said borders and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds likely to be incurred including the foreign assistance likely to be sought/provided for the purpose?

## **Answer**

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

- (a): The fencing is not feasible along the riverine stretches of the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh Border. There is about 145.876 km of unfenced riverine stretches along the Indo-Pakistan Border which is about 6.3% of the Indo-Pakistan Border. Similarly, there is about 930.076 km of unfenced riverine stretches along the Indo-Bangladesh Border which is about 22.7% of the border. The riverine segments of the borders are being patrolled and dominated with the help of water crafts/speed boats/floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) of the Border Security Force (BSF) water wing.
- (b) & (c): The BSF, deployed on the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh Border, has developed its own technical solutions like Farheen LASER walls which are very useful to guard riverine/nullah gaps. These LASER walls have been deployed along the Jammu International Border.
- (d): The thermal sensor like Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI) (1710 numbers) are already installed along the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh Border. Further, at present, there is no proposal for installation of anti-tunnel ground sensors in the fenced stretches of both the borders.
- (e): In view of the reply to part (d), question does not arise.