## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 395

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE  $3^{RD}$  DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 12, 1947 (SAKA)

INTEGRATED CHECK POSTS AT JAIGAON, CHANGRABANDHA AND PANITANKI

395 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated construction work for the Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at Jaigaon, Changrabandha and Panitanki in West Bengal after receiving land in September, 2024 and February, 2025;
- (b) if so, current status of these projects, including tendering, awarding of contracts and commencement of physical construction;
- (c) the timeline fixed for the completion and operationalisation of these ICPs alongwith key milestones fixed by LPAI; and
- (d) measures being taken by Government to ensure that construction work is not delayed further and the expected impact of these ICPs on facilitating Indo-Bhutan, Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal trade and easing cross-border passenger movement?

## **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (d): The establishment of the ICPs at Jaigaon on Indo-Bhutan, Changrabandha on Indo-Bangladesh and Panitanki on Indo-Nepal borders enhances cross-border trade and passenger movement. These facilities ensure smooth, streamlined, and coordinated cargo and passenger

transit. They bolster connectivity within the India-Bangladesh-Bhutan-Nepal (IBBN) sub-region, thereby improving linkages between the North-Eastern Region and South-East Asian countries. Additionally, the ICPs contribute to the overall development of border areas.

Establishment of ICPs involves multiple stages including pre-feasibility study, land acquisition, preparation of DPR/DER, feasibility study, approvals, tendering etc. which vary depending on location, norms and pre-requisites. Preparation of the DPR has been completed for all these 3 ICPs.

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