GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2032

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2017/ PHALGUNA 23, 1938 (SAKA)

DEADLINE FOR BORDER SEALING

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of fencing along the borders, border-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is working on a multi-pronged strategy to deal with increasing security threat from Pakistan and has set an ambitious deadline to completely seal the entire border in northern and western sectors by December, 2018;
- (c) if so, the details of the strategy formulated thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has since identified the weak points at borders from where terror outfits in Pakistan can infiltrate their men and weapons etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to plug the gaps by deploying security at those places?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total sanctioned length of fence along Indo-Bangladesh border is 3326 km out of which 2731 km has been completed. The total sanctioned length of fence along Indo-Pakistan border is 2063.06 km out of which 2003.06 km has been completed. Along Indo-Myanmar border, a 10km fencing has been sanctioned out of which fence work in approximately 4 km has been completed.

(b) to (e): The Government has adopted multi-pronged approach for security arrangements at the Indo-Pakistan border (IPB). The arrangements include deployment of Border Security Force (BSF), construction of border fence, construction of border roads, installation of floodlights, construction of Border Out Posts (BOPs), introduction of Hi-Tech surveillance equipments, providing weapons and Specialised Vehicles to Security Forces, etc.

Vulnerability mapping of the 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. The Government has decided to plug the gaps along Indo-Pakistan Border by means of physical and non-physical barriers.
