

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1654**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 /PHALGUNA 15, 1939 (SAKA)**

**DEDICATED SATELLITE BANDWIDTH FOR BORDER SURVEILLANCE**

**1654. DR. K. GOPAL:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is mulling over a dedicated satellite bandwidth for each of the Border Security Force, Indo Tibetan Border Police and Sashastra Seema Bal for better border surveillance;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the idea is to enable the border guarding forces to monitor the movement of Pakistani and Chinese troops in real time, track terrorist infiltration, map terrain and communicate effectively in remote areas, besides assessing the strength of soldiers and artillery deployed by neighbours near the border in case of a stand-off; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): There is a proposal for dedicated bandwidth on 5 different beams for various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). In this regard, compatible sets are being designed by Defence Electronics Application Laboratory (DEAL), Dehradun and manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).**

**(c) & (d): Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has constituted a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Border Management) with members from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Border Security Force (BSF) to identify areas for application of Space Technology based tools for effective border management and surveillance. The report of the Task Force has been submitted to Secretary (Space) and Chairman, ISRO, on 8.9.2017.**

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