

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4044**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)

TUNNEL ALONG BORDERS

4044. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are repeated discoveries of tunnels along the Indo-Pakistan border, triggering concerns about the efficacy of the existing border security system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in enhancing technologies concerning border management and plugging such loopholes;

(c) whether there have been delays in releasing the Expression of Interest for a Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System and analyzing reports concerning border security and technology applications factoring as force multipliers by the Home Ministry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): BSF has detected tunnels along the Indo-Pakistan border. The details of tunnel detected during last three years along Indo-Pakistan Border are as under:

(In Nos.)

State	Year			
	2015	2016	2017	2018 (upto February, 2018)
Jammu & Kashmir	-	02	02	-
Punjab	-	-	-	-
Rajasthan	-	-	-	-
Gujarat	-	-	-	-
Total	-	02	02	-

BSF has taken following measures to enhance security along Indo-Pakistan Border:

- (i) Effective domination of the borders by carrying out round the clock surveillance of the border viz. patrolling, laying nakas, establishing of observation posts all along the India-Pakistan Border and undertaking intelligence based operations.**
- (ii) Vulnerability mapping of BOPs is carried out from time to time in view of cross border crimes. These borders are further strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special Surveillance Equipment, vehicles and other infrastructural support.**
- (iii) All dead zones between fence and International Border (IB) as well as across IB are identified and closely monitored.**
- (iv) Anti-tunneling exercise is being conducted on regular basis in vulnerable areas.**
- (v) Periodical aerial observation of border by conducting Unmanned Aerial Vehicle missions.**
- (vi) Clearing of wild growth upto 100 meters on home side.**

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.
