

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3690**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 25, 1941 (SAKA)

POPULATION IMBALANCE IN BORDER AREAS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is seriously considering to remove the population imbalance in the border areas;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard so far;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Government of India is implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) in border areas of 17 States viz, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. BADP is a major intervention for filling critical gaps in provision of essential social and economic infrastructure in the border areas to ensure equitable development in these areas. The works/ projects undertaken under the BADP relate to construction of roads, bridges, safe drinking water supply, health, agriculture and allied activities, social sector activities such as creation of social infrastructure, capacity building and skill development, construction of toilets particularly for women, sports activities, promotion of rural tourism, border tourism etc. These activities help in providing additional job opportunities, improving quality of life and improving standard of living in the border areas for sustainable living in the border areas of the country.