

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3765**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST DECEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 30, 1943 (SAKA)
INTEGRATED CHECK POST INFRASTRUCTURE**

3765. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop Integrated Check Post infrastructure in the Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, and Indo-Bhutan Borders in the North Bengal region, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to develop Indo-Nepal trade and movement of people through border outposts in Panitanki and Pashupati Nagar under Darjeeling District; and

(c) whether the Government is considering developing a new Indo-Nepal border outpost at Binnabari under Khoribari block of Darjeeling District and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK)

(a) Government of India has given “in-principle” approval for land acquisition and preparation of Detailed Engineering Report (DER) for development of Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at six locations in the State of West-Bengal along Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, and Indo-Bhutan Borders in the North Bengal region.

The details are as below:

Location	Border
Panitanki	Indo-Nepal
Hili	Indo-Bangladesh
Changrabandha	Indo-Bangladesh
Mahadipur	Indo-Bangladesh
Fulbari	Indo-Bangladesh
Jaigaon	Indo-Bhutan

(b) As per the information received from the concerned Border Guarding Force (BGF) manning the Indo-Nepal border, Panitanki and Shukhia Pokhari in Darjeeling district are authorised routes for trade & movement of people. In addition to this, movement of people also happens through route near BoP Pashupatifatak in Darjeeling district.

As reported by the Ministry of Commerce & Industries, Government is committed to strengthen and expand India-Nepal trade cooperation through bilateral exchanges and development of trade infrastructure, for seamless flow of cross border trade.

The decision to establish an ICP at Panitanki in West Bengal at Indo-Nepal border is also a step in this regard.

(c) As per information received from concerned BGF 43 BoPs on Indo-Nepal Border are located in the Darjeeling district and presently there is no plan to establish any new BoP at Binnabari under Khoribari block of Darjeeling District.
