GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4079

TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025/ CHAITRA 4, 1947 (SAKA)

CRITICAL BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government faces delays in constructing critical border infrastructure like fencing, outposts and roads due to funding shortages and inter-agency disputes;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to expedite these projects, especially along sensitive borders like India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh; and
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry plans to address these vulnerabilities which compromise national security?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India is committed to construction and modernization of critical border infrastructure, such as fencing, border outposts, floodlights and roads, to enhance security along international borders. The Ministry conducts regular reviews with executing agencies and State Governments / UT Administrations to ensure timely completion of border infrastructure projects. Additionally, dedicated State-Level Steering Committees periodically review the progress of border works

along the India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh borders to facilitate smooth execution.

(c): A comprehensive and multi-pronged approach has been adopted to strengthen border security and address potential challenges. This includes detailed vulnerability mapping, deployment of additional manpower, and the use of specialized surveillance equipment which have been installed at strategic locations. Apart from the above, measures such as round-the-clock patrolling, anti-tunneling exercises, and installation of border floodlights and security fences ensure robust security mechanisms at international borders.
