GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3780 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND DECEMBER, 2015/PAUSHA 1, 1937 (SAKA)

CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS AT INDO-PAK BORDER

†3780. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: SHRI GANESH SINGH: SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are inputs to suggest that Pakistan has constructed tunnels along the border area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to construct bunkers along the Indo-Pak border to protect people from the crossborder firings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): An underground tunnel was discovered by troops deployed in general area Chakla of Palanwala Sector (Jammu District) on 21st August, 2014 approximately 300 meters on Indian side of Line of Control (LoC). Thereafter, the concerned agency has been asked to carry out assessment/detailed analysis of the tunnel and suggest measures to detect such tunnels in future.
- (c) & (d): Government has approved a pilot project for construction of 60 bunkers @ 5 Lakh each i.e. total cost of Rs. 3 crore along International Border for safeguards of the civilians during cross-border firings.
