

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1387**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2016/SHRAVANA 4, 1938 (SAKA)

CEREMONIAL RETREAT CEREMONY

1387. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of people daily witnessing the ceremonial retreat ceremony at Wagah Border;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to improve the facilities to the visiting public at Wagah Border;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to conduct ceremonial retreat in the east *i.e.* India-Bangladesh Border on the lines of Wagah ceremony; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

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

(a): On an average, 12 to 15 thousands spectators witness the ceremonial retreat ceremony at Attari/Wagah Border, throughout the year.

(b) & (c): In October, 2013, Govt. has approved construction of viewers Gallery with a capacity of 15 thousand persons alongwith

amenities like Gents & Ladies toilets, Dormitory with toilet block, Guard Room Conference cum dining Hall with Kitchen and Observation Rooms etc.

(d) & (e): The ceremonial retreat ceremony is being held along Indo-Bangladesh Border at Petrapole (India side) – Benapole (Bangladesh side) and ICP Agartala (India side) – Akhaura (Bangladesh side).
