

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 56  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**Border Outposts along India Bangladesh border**

56 Shri Vivek Gupta

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinet Committee on Security reduced the estimated number of Border Outposts to be constructed along the India-Bangladesh border from 509 to 422;

(b) if so, the rationale behind this decision;

(c) whether Government is considering to go with original estimate of 509, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of other measures taken by Government to reduce the inter-BOP distance to 3.5 kms. along the India- Bangladesh border; and

(e) whether Government is aware of increasing security breaches into the State of West Bengal due to lack of sufficient BOPs along India-Bangladesh border?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*56 FOR 20.12.2017 REGARDING BORDER OUTPOSTS ALONG INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER

(a), (b) &(c): As per sanction total of 383 Border Out Posts (BOPs) were to be constructed along Indo-Bangladesh border. This was changed to 326 BOPs as the construction of remaining BOPs was not feasible either due to difficulties in land acquisition or due to site conditions. Remaining BOPs will be taken up as and when the site is made available or construction becomes feasible at an alternative site.

(d) & (e): The average inter-BOP distance for Indo-Bangladesh border is already approximately 3.5 km. There has been no report of security breach into the State of West Bengal due to lack of sufficient BOPs along Indo-Bangladesh Border.

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