

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 555**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06TH FEBRUARY, 2018/ MEGHA 17, 1939 (SAKA)

SETTING UP OF INTEGRATED CHECK POSTS

555. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up 13 new Integrated Check Posts to encourage India's engagements with its neighbours belonging to SAARC region;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether it is true that while facilitating legitimate trade and commerce, the borders at the same time needs to be secured against interests hostile to the country; and

(d) if so, the measures taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government has already set up and operationalised five Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at Attari (Punjab), Agartala (Tripura), Petrapole (West Bengal), Raxaul (Bihar) and Jogbani (Bihar). Government has also approved setting up of ICPs at Moreh (Manipur) and Dawki (Meghalaya). The objectives behind setting up of ICPs are to provide secure, seamless and efficient system for cargo and passenger movement.

Decision to put up more ICPs is taken based on volume of trade, number of passengers, potential for future growth of passengers and cargo traffic, etc.

Such decisions are taken by Government after extensive inter-ministerial consultations and analysis with the aim to improve bilateral trade, relations and enhance security.

(c) & (d): The Government has established the Land Ports Authority of India under the LPAI Act, 2010 with the objective to put in place systems which address security imperatives and for the development and management of facilities for cross border movement of passengers and goods at designated points along the International borders of the Country.

The ICPs are set up as a sanitized zone with dedicated passenger and cargo terminals comprising adequate customs and immigration facilities, security and scanning equipments, health and quarantine facilities along with passenger amenities.
