

- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Instances of infiltrators/border-crossers have been reported in Gujarat State along Indo-Pakistan border. During the year 2013, 84 border crossers were apprehended along the Gujarat border.

(b) and (c) Government has sanctioned 340 km of fencing in Gujarat Sector along Indo-Pakistan border, out of which 261.78 has been completed so far. The fencing works along the Indo-Pakistan border were scheduled to be completed by May, 2012. However, the works have spilled over as the balance stretches fall in the inundated/water-logged/marshy areas. The executing agencies are in the process of deploying improved technology to fence the remaining stretches which can withstand the terrain and weather conditions.

(d) and (e) The damaged portions of fencing and roads due to flood and corrosion are taken up by the Government as and when reported by the Border Guarding Forces. Further, the fencing is regularly maintained by the Border Guarding Forces.

Road construction projects along international border

†2253. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the border-wise details of road construction projects started by Government along the International Border during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the border-wise details of target fixed and achieved and expenditure made on the said projects;

(c) whether Government has received proposals from different States for construction of roads along the Indo-Pakistan, Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal borders;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the measures Government has taken for timely completion of said projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) There are various on-going border road projects undertaken by the Government along the International Borders (IB) of the country. Since 2010-11, following two new border road projects have been undertaken by the Government:

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1. The Government has approved construction and up-gradation of 1377Km of roads along the Indo-Nepal Border at an estimated cost of Rs. 3853.00 crore for the effective movement of the Sashastra Seema Bal. The construction work of these roads is targeted to be completed by 31st March, 2016. So far, an amount of Rs. 650.00 crore has been released to the executing agencies and formation cutting of 50 Km has been reported to be completed.
2. The Government has approved construction of 313 Km road at a cost of Rs.1259.00 crore along the Indo-Bhutan border. The construction work of these roads is targeted to be completed by 31st March, 2016. So far, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 61.80 Km of roads has been approved.

(c) and (d) No proposal has been received from the State Governments for construction of border roads along the International Borders. However, State Governments are consulted while finalising the border road projects.

(e) The border road projects are closely monitored through the mechanism of Steering Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (Border Management) with all stakeholders as members. The progress of border roads is also reviewed periodically by the senior officers of the Ministry.

Coastal security after Mumbai attack

†2254. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to enhance coastal security after Mumbai attack on 26 November, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any concrete success has been achieved so far through the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Subsequent to the Mumbai incident of 26/11, the entire coastal security scenario of the country has been subjected to multi-level inter-ministerial review by the Government of India and several important decisions/initiatives have been taken as per the details given below:

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