

Personnel needed to keep the international borders adequately safe

2132. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the ideal number of personnel per kilometre needed to keep the international borders adequately safe;

(b) the number of men and women personnel stationed on the International borders, region-wise;

(c) whether there is a need to increase the number of personnel deployed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) The International borders of India are not uniform in character. They have different physical features, terrain and climate conditions along with different threat perceptions. Therefore, the ideal number of personnel required to guard the borders varies from border to border and sector to sector.

(b) The number of companies of the different Border Guarding Forces deployed for border guarding duties on different sectors of India's International Borders is given below:

Sl. No.	Border	Border Guarding Force			
		Border Security Force (BSF)	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)	Assam Rifles (AR)
1.	Indo-Pakistan Border	411	-	-	-
2.	Indo-Bangladesh Border	480	-	-	-
3.	Indo-China Border		136	-	-
4.	Indo-Nepal Border	-	-	162	-
5.	Indo-Bhutan Border	-	-	97	-
6.	Indo-Myanmar Border	-	-	-	60
TOTAL		891	136	259	60

(c) and (d) The deployment of Border Guarding Forces in the international borders is reviewed and suitably calibrated by the Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with Border Guarding Forces from time to time. Recently, BSF has deployed 18 additional companies on international border in Punjab.