

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has submitted its report; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A Committee has been set up by Ministry of Home Affairs to recommend the modalities for granting of Scheduled Tribe status to six communities namely, Koch Rajbongshi, Moran, Matak, Tai Ahom, Chutia and Adivasi (Tea Tribes) of Assam on 29.02.2016. The committee is yet to submit its report.

Introduction of laser fencing at borders

1042. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Border Security Force (BSF) will soon partner with IIT, Bombay to find technology solutions for introducing laser fencing and detecting tunnels to secure Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard for securing border areas against attempts of illegal infiltration by terrorists and smuggling of various kinds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (c) BSF is taking all steps to find technical solution to secure Indian border against illegal infiltration and for detection of tunnels. The Government has adopted a multipronged approach for security arrangements at the borders to curb smuggling and infiltration. The arrangements include deployment of Border Guarding Force (BGF), construction of border fence, construction of border roads, installation of floodlights, construction of Border Out Posts (BOPs), introduction of Hi-tech surveillance equipment's, providing advanced weapons and Specialized Vehicles to Security Forces, etc.

Increase in crimes against women as per data of NCRB

1043. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes against women have increased by 2.9 per cent in 2016 over that of 2015 according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2016; and