

Funds for the development of international border villages

350. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is allocating special funds for the all round development of villages abutting international borders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) funds allocated and spent during the last four years for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) through the State Governments, in 396 border blocks of 111 border districts in 17 States *viz.* Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal, as a major intervention to meet the developmental needs and well being of the people living near the international border. The Programme was a 100% centrally sponsored gap filling till 2015-16. However, from 2016-17, on the recommendations of the Sub-Group of Chief Ministers, it has been classified as a Core Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) and is now part of the National Development Agenda. The funding pattern of BADP (like other Core CSSs), in respect of 8 North Eastern States (*viz.* Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) and 3 Himalayan States (*viz.* Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand) is in the ratio 90:10 (Centre Share: State Share) and in respect of 6 other States (*viz.* Bihar, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) is in the ratio 60:40. The new funding pattern has been implemented from the financial year 2016-17.

- (c) The details regarding funds allocated and released to the 17 States during the last four years (2014-15 to 2017-18) are as follows:

(₹ in crore)		
Year	Allocation	Release
2014-15	800.00	800.00
2015-16	990.00	990.00
2016-17 (Central Share)	1015.00	1015.00
2017-18 (Central Share)	1100.00	1100.00
TOTAL	3905.00	3905.00