

services and extend the services to cover control of RTI/STI. Major initiatives for improvement in quality of services like replacement of the system of setting contraceptives targets set from above and monitoring based on sample surveys are already in place. During the current year impetus has been provided to operationalisation of Specific Schemes under the RCH for which proposals are required to be submitted by the State Governments for funding.

[*Translation*]

Length of India's Borders

1578. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of India's borders in square kilometers; and

(b) if so, the details of places from where the foreign nationals infiltrate into the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The approximate length of India's border with other countries is 15,106.70 kilometers.

(b) In view of the porous nature of the International border, it is not possible to indicate the place through which infiltration of foreign nationals take place.

[*English*]

Terrorist Activities in Kutch, Gujarat

1579. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorist activities are being activated from across the border in Kutch district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Union Government to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) There are some inputs to indicate that after fencing on Punjab and Rajasthan borders, the attention of Pak agencies has shifted towards the Gujarat border especially the creeks and the coastal areas and they are making efforts to activate smugglers and carriers at Badin & Diplo opposite Bhuj. To overcome the problem,

BSF troops are on alert so as to check any infiltration or any other anti-India activities. BSF has taken the following steps in this regard:—

- (i) Deployment of more troops, sanctioned by Govt. under the expansion plan, and thereby reducing inter BOP gaps for better border management and vigilance;
- (ii) Out Posts, patrolling and naka duties have been intensified;
- (iii) Intensifying patrolling on the border/creek area on vehicles, horse, camel and boats;
- (iv) Construction and manning of more numbers of OP Towers;
- (v) Use of modern gadgets and Night Vision Devices to check infiltration;
- (vi) Proposed construction/erection of border securing fencing, flood light and border road in the stretch of Rann area adjoining Barmer distt. in Rajasthan for better domination and effective check or crossing by miscreants, smugglers and militants;
- (vii) Upgradation of Intelligence net work.
- (viii) Conduct of frequent co-ordination meeting with locals.

Off-shore and On-shore Drilling

1580. SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE:
SHRI S.S. OWAISI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of countries where Indian Oil Companies are on the job at present;

(b) the number of work orders received by these companies during the last three years, country-wise;

(c) whether a high level delegation visited Russia recently to pick up equity in Russian Oil companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the visit and the investment in foreign exchange likely to be made therein;