No. 9/1/2015-BADP Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Department of Border Management

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To

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh,
Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan,
Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand,
West Bengal.

Subject: Interpretation of BADP Guidelines- Priority to be given to strategically located villages as identified by the BGFs.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that there is an impression among some of the district authorities that once the list of strategically prioritized villages identified by the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) has been given, district authorities cannot take up BADP works in any other villages within the 0-10 km distance from International Border, which has not been identified by the BGFs.

- 2. The matter has been examined. As per para 2.1 of the guidelines of the BADP (June, 2015) "the BADP will cover all the villages which are located within 0-10 km of the international border, irrespective of the border block abutting on the international border or not. Xxxx xxxx Priority will be given to those villages which are located within 0-10 Km from the International Border and within that the villages identified by the Border Guarding Forces (BGF) shall get uppermost priority and will be known as strategic villages. Only after saturation of 0-10 km villages, State Governments may take up the next set of villages within the 0-20 Km distance". It is, therefore, clarified that there is no restriction on the district authorities that the work of BADP will be taken up only in the villages identified by the BGFs as strategically located villages. However, among the villages within 0-10 km distance of the international border, upper most priority will be given to the identified strategic identified villages. It does not bar taking up works in other villages, within 0-10 km distance.
- 3. The above interpretation may please be brought to the notice of the District Authorities so that there may not be any doubt while preparing the Annual Action Plan of the BADP by the District Level Committees.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the Nodal Officer handling the work of implementation of the BADP in the States.