

All borders to be fenced, says Rijiju

Kiren Rijiju

By the end of 2018 or early 2019, smart fencing will be deployed all along the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan border to prevent infiltration and illegal migration, Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju said on Sunday.

“Smart border fencing technology has been introduced in some pockets in the Bangladesh and Pakistan border. The Border Security Force (BSF) has been given the mandate, and they have tested the technology and found it to be effective,” he told mediapersons on the sidelines of the passing-out parade of the second all-woman batch of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constables at the Regional Training Centre in Arakkonam.

The Minister said the country had “so many borders”. “We have the coastal boundaries of peninsular India, which are around 7,500 kilometres long. We have the border with Pakistan on the western front where there are maximum cases of infiltration of extremist elements, especially in the Line of Control area. We have increased our vigilance,” he said.

With China, there were no issues related to infiltration, and only boundary issues are present, he said. Mr. Rijiju said the border was porous in Myanmar. “There is a visa-free regime along the Indo-Myanmar border due to a treaty,” he said.

He said the Home Ministry had decided to hand over charge of security at all airports in the country to the CISF. VIP security, too, would be given to the force, he added.

Mr. Rijiju said a new division had been formed in the Home Ministry for counter-insurgency cybersecurity, adding, “We want to devote more resources on the issue of cyber security.”

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