

MANAGEMENT OF INDO-CHINA BORDER

India shares 3488 Km of border with China that runs along the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. State-wise length of the border is as under:

S.No.	State	Total Length (In Kms)
1	Jammu & Kashmir	1597
2	Himachal Pradesh	200
3	Uttarakhand	345
4	Sikkim	220
5	Arunachal Pradesh	1126
	Total	3488

The border is not fully demarcated and the process of clarifying and confirming the Line of Actual Control is in progress. The area is characterized by high altitude terrain and thick habitation which have resulted in inadequate development of infrastructure in these regions.

Border Guarding Force

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) is the Border Guarding Force at Indo-China Border.

Border Out Posts (BOPs)

ITBP has established Border Out Posts (BOPs) along the Line of Actual Control in furtherance of this task. A total of 176 BOPs have been established by the ITBP on this border. The details of BOPs established are as under :

Name of the Sector	No. of BOPs
Western Sector (Jammu & Kashmir)	35
Middle Sector (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand)	71
Eastern Sector (Sikkim & Arunachal Pradesh)	70
Total	176

Major Initiative for effective Border Management

Construction of roads of operational significance in border areas along India-China border (ICBR-I)

To redress the situation arising out of lack of infrastructure along Indo-China border, the Government has decided to undertake construction of 73 roads of operational significance along Indo-China border. Out of these 73 roads, 27 roads involving 804.32 km length are

being constructed by Ministry of Home Affairs (D/o Border Management) in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 1937 crore. The work of construction of these 27 roads has been assigned to BRO (15 roads), CPWD (8 roads), NPCC (2 roads) and HP PWD (2 roads).

CCS has approved on 10.11.2017 the revised cost estimates amounting to Rs.3482.52 crore to complete the ICBR-I project by December, 2020.

Out of 27 roads, 02 roads namely i.e. Ghastoli-Rattakona and Sumna-Rimkhim have been converted into General Staff (GS) roads by Ministry of Defence (MoD) and will be completed by MoD out of their defence fund allocation.

Out of balance 25 roads measuring 751.58 kms, 13 roads measuring 298.81 kms have been completed in all respects and are in operational use. Out of 751.58 kms, formation of 666 kms and surfacing of 479.23 kms have been completed.
