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Union Home Minister launches smart fencing project

Centre takes strong steps for security of the nation: Raj Nath Singh

Steps taken to seal Indo-Bangla border will secure national existence: Sonowal

Dispur, March 5: Security is the edifice of development. If the nation is not secured there cannot be expeditious development. Therefore, the Central government has attached immense importance to strengthen the security aspect of the country. Because of the proactive steps taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government, security aspect of Assam along with other North eastern States have been fortified. These were the observations of Union Home Minister Raj Nath Singh made in presence of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal while inaugurating Smart Fencing better known as Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique (Bold Qit) along Indo-Bangla border across Dhubri sector in Dhubi today.

It may be noted that because of the difficult border alignment some patches along the Indo-Bangla border could not be covered with barbed fence and therefore, these areas along with the riverine areas have been fortified with the help of smart fencing, the work of which was started in January 2018. As a result of this technological solutions any illegal movement across the border along with smuggling can be stopped completely.

Home Minister Singh also said that while he came to Dhubir for the first time, he assured that Indo-Bangla border will be completely sealed and with the inauguration of smart fencing, complete sealing of the Indo-Border areas can be completely sealed. He also said that to fortify the border areas in line with America and Israel this smart fencing can go a long way adding the Union Home Minister said that in a democratic country all outstanding issues can be solved through dialogue. However, if anybody takes the resort of weapons, government would excuse nobody.

Stating the Pulwama attack where 40 CRPF jawans including Maneswar Basumatary from Assam were martyred the minister said that their martyrdom will not go in vain. If anybody take weapons, appropriate action will be reciprocated. The Union Home Minister also said that Indian fighters carried out an attack clinically at Balakot and they received unprecedented success. If any force tries to create disturbance, the country is ever ready to foil such evil design adding the minister said that even the country's defence forces have been asked to be on full alert to face any eventuality.

He also expressed concern that the Congress in the pretext of verifying number of terrorists killed in the attack is resorting to dirty politics. He also maintained that Pakistan has full information as to number of terrorists killed by the Indian onslaught. Instead of being proud of the supreme sacrifices of our armed forces and their valour, the opposition parties' have stuck to mudslinging politics which did not go down well for a country like India. He however,

maintained that the NDA government under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi will keep working for the safety and security of the country.

Saying that development will be faster only when security of the country is ensured, the Union Home Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is undertaking economic reforms which have resulted in the India becoming the sixth major economy in the world from earlier ninth. He also said that there was not a single allegation of corruption against the Prime Minister Modi led central government.

Appreciating the Chief Minister Sonowal led state government for taking Assam on the path of rapid development and its stringent steps against corruption, Singh said the landmark investment of Rs 40000 crore in oil and gas sector in the state only indicated the investor friendly environment prevailing in the state. He reiterated the central government's commitment to protect the identity, heritage, language and culture of the indigenous people of the state through implementation of Clause 6 of Assam Accord for which purpose a high level committee has already been formed. He also referred to NRC update process going on under the supervision of Supreme Court of India to be completed by July 31 and the process for granting schedule tribe (ST) status to six communities of the state without harming the interest of present ST people.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that adoption of high end technologies like BOLD-QIT for sealing the Indo-Bangla border would protect Assam's identity which was not done by previous governments. Today's inauguration of the smart fencing project only executed the announcement of Union Home Minister Rajnatah Singh made in 2014 of using science and technology for guarding the Indo-Bangla Border and the true spirit of patriotism has made it possible for the central government to achieve this feat of sealing the border, he asserted.

The chief minister also said that only because of the central government's commitment towards Assam, the process of NRC update was nearing completion under supervision of Supreme Court of India which would implement Clause 5 of Assam Accord and steps were being taken for implementation of Clause 6 of the Accord as well. He stated that augmentation in production capacity of Numaligarh Refinery from 3 MTPA to 9 MTPA would open up newer avenues of employment for the state's youth. Initiatives for development of Dhubri district like setting up Dhubri Medical College, development of Rupsi Airport, approval for constructing the longest bridge of the country connecting Dhubri and Phulbari were highlighted by the Chief Minister during his speech.

MLA Aswini Rai Sarkar, Ashok Singhi, Deputy Commissioner of Dhubri were also present at the programme among others.

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