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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **JAMMU SCHOOL CHILDREN CALLED ON HON'BLE MoS (HOME) SHRI KIREN RIJJU**

A group of 39 school children consisting of 19 girls and 20 boys hailing from remote and far flung areas of Jammu region called on Hon'ble MoS (Home), Shri Kiren Rijju at Conference Hall (Room No.119), MHA, North Block, New Delhi. The students in the age group of 12-16 years are on a Bharat Darshan Tour from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 organized by the BSF.

2. The concept of Bharat Darshan Tours for the children from Jammu & Kashmir started from the year 2000. Bharat Darshan Tours are conducted every year. The entire expenditure on the tours is met by BSF out of the funds provided by the MHA, which includes Dresses, Travel Expenses, Boarding and Lodging etc.

3. Shri K K Sharma, Spl DG BSF welcomed the Hon'ble MoS (Home) Shri Kiren Rijju and apprised him of the composition of the group of children and that all children belong to remote areas of Jammu. Bharat Darshan tour has widened their horizons and gave them an opportunity to see the diversities of the nation.

4. The children then shared their experience of visit to different historical places and thanked the BSF and the Government of India for organizing tours of this nature.

5. The children who are selected for Bharat Darshan are mainly from poor families of remote areas of Jammu. They are selected by liaison with village heads, schools, teachers and locals through officers of Border Security Force.

6. This tour is conducted to expose them to the historical, cultural and social profile of the country and the progress made in Industrial, Technological and scientific fields and also to inculcate in them a sense of pride for the nation. During the tours, they visited places of historic and cultural importance in different parts of India.
7. As part of the programme, they were taken to Ahmadabad, Rajkot, Delhi, Agra and Amritsar. During the tour they had an opportunity to enjoy Metro Train ride in New Delhi, also visited historical monuments like Taj Mahal and India Gate etc.
8. Efforts were made to give their experience of the vastness and the rich cultural heritage of India. These tours provide them an opportunity to interact with the people of different cultures, religions & languages and found to be having a long lasting impact on the children, their parents and others in the area.
9. During the year 2015-16, Border Security Force conducted 4 Bharat Darshan Tours, 2 for Kashmir Children (1 each for girls and boys) and 2 for Jammu Children (1 each for girls and boys).
10. BSF is organizing such programmes since 1999-2000. Till date 1538 children from J&K have participated in BSF sponsored 55 Bharat Darshan Tours.

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