



***PROMISING TO DO WHAT THE CONGRESS HAS ALREADY DONE:
THE BJP'S MANIFESTO OF STOLEN IDEAS ON NATIONAL SECURITY***

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Summary

The BJP has made a number of promises in its manifesto on the issue of national security that are not only vague, but also merely repetition of ideas that the Congress-led government has already implemented. This suggests one of two possibilities:

1. The BJP endorses the work done by the Congress Party, and is copying the Congress ideas or promising to continue the Congress's successful policies.
 - **If so, the BJP should come out openly and say that it has copied the Congress's ideas and that it applauds the good work done by the Congress Party on these fronts.**
2. The BJP is ignorant of the steps that have been taken by the Congress government in these areas, perhaps because of the BJP's poor track record of participating in parliamentary proceedings.
 - **If this is the case, the BJP should come out openly and admit that it was not aware of the steps taken by the government in these areas.**

This document provides specific evidence of the BJP's "stolen ideas".

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| Border management will be reviewed and improved. <i>(To check illegal immigration)</i> | <u>Border Fencing</u> 80% of the total length on Indo-Bangladesh border to be fenced has been completed (i.e. 2590 km out of 3286 Km) 95% of the total length on Indo-Pakistan border to be fenced has been fenced (i.e. 1913 km out of 2007 Km) |

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| | <p data-bbox="709 277 894 305"><u>Border Roads</u></p> <p data-bbox="800 337 1881 415">90% of border roads have also been constructed out of the sanctioned length. (i.e. 3296 Km out of 3663Km)</p> <p data-bbox="800 448 1881 570">Construction of 27 road links totaling 608 Km along the India-China border is also being done to enhance the operational capability of the Border Guarding Forces deployed along the India-China border.</p> <p data-bbox="709 662 999 690"><u>Border Floodlighting</u></p> <p data-bbox="800 722 1881 800">A pilot project of 277 Km of floodlighting in West Bengal was completed in 2006-07.</p> <p data-bbox="800 833 1881 911">2840 Km length of Eastern border is being provided floodlights. The work is on and would be completed by 2011-12.</p> |

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| <p>Coastal security will be strengthened for better patrolling of Indian waters and preventing terrorists from taking the sea route to enter India. A National Maritime Authority will be set up to coordinate coastal security.</p> | <p>Coastal Security Scheme has already been implemented from the year 2005-06. It aims at strengthening infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of coastal areas.</p> <p>Implemented in all the coastal States and Union Territories.</p> <p>Assistance given to set up 73 coastal police stations with police personnel trained in maritime activities and equipped with boats, jeeps and motor cycles.</p> <p>Assistance has been given to Coast Guard to acquire 15 Interceptor Boats for close coastal patrolling</p> <p>3 additional Coast Guard Stations being set up at a cost of Rs.343 cr.</p> |
| <p>Special courts will be set up for speedy prosecution of those involved with acts of terrorism. Their trial shall be fair and justice will be done to the victims swiftly.</p> | <p>The National Investigation Agency' (NIA) has been established since 01.01.2009.</p> <p>The highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIA cases will be decided by a committee of two judges Merit of the cases will be decided within seven working days Government also to decide in seven working days. |

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| <p>State Governments will be provided with all assistance to modernise their respective police forces and equip them with the latest weaponry and communications technology.</p> | <p>Congress led UPA has already launched the following:</p> <p>(a) MPF Scheme</p> <p>Assistance is being provided for equipment, weaponry, mobility, communication, training, police housing and buildings, forensic science and other infrastructure.</p> <p>(b) SME Scheme</p> <p>Assistance is being provided for recurring expenditure relating to insurance, training and operational needs of the security forces</p> <p>(c) Technical Support</p> <p>A comprehensive check-list for in-depth security audit of police stations / outposts and other police establishments in naxal affected areas has been prepared.</p> <p>Core group report on countering IED threats through tactical and technical support systems for use of State and Central Police forces has been prepared.</p> |

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| <p>Coercive measures, including diplomacy, will be used to deal with countries which promote cross-border terrorism. India will engage with the world in the global war on terror while not compromising on its domestic interests.</p> | <p>Congress has successfully employed diplomacy in dealing with Pakistan after Mumbai attacks.</p> <p>The world has successfully been engaged by the UPA government while dealing with terrorism from the Pakistan soil.</p> <p><u>If BJP also aims to employ the same tactics, then why is it critical of the UPA government' handling</u></p> |

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| <p>The Centre will facilitate better inter-State coordination and real-time intelligence-sharing, apart from helping States to raise anti-insurgency forces, to face the threat posed by Maoists. The 'Chhattisgarh Model' will be used for counter-Maoist operations. At the same time, every effort will be made to address the social and economic issues that make the ground fertile for Left-wing extremism.</p> | <p>A new scheme for filling infrastructure gaps in naxal affected States has been prepared at an outlay of Rs.500 crores and a provision of Rs. 100 crore has been kept for 2008-09.</p> <p>NREGA, the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, Backward Regions Grant Fund are the significant steps taken by the UPA government.</p> <p>Other steps taken by UPA are:</p> <p>(a) Fair and firm land administration, with attention on proper maintenance of land records, expeditious recording of mutations and fair disposal of land disputes.</p> <p>(b) Appropriate mechanisms for grievance redressal, public contact and awareness, for creating an overall positive environment and confidence of the people in the State administrative machinery.</p> <p>The failure of the BJP's "Chhattisgarh Model" has been dealt separately.</p> <p><u>Let BJP explain what else it proposes to do in this direction</u></p> |

Source – Status Paper on Internal Security Situation (01.09.2008), MHA