

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 1492  
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2017**

**India Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA)**

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Shri Vivek Gupta

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about the huge burden on West Bengal because of implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) between India and Bangladesh;

(b) the expected financial burden on West Bengal because of the implementation of LBA Agreement;

(c) whether Government is intending to provide a financial package to West Bengal for implementation of LBA;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of status of fencing process of India-Bangladesh border following the implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA)?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (e): Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), 1974 provides for exchange of enclaves between the two countries and it necessitated development and integration of Bangladeshi enclaves in India and addressing issues of rehabilitation of returnees from Indian enclaves in Bangladesh. Government of India sanctioned Rs. 1005.99 crore on 02.12.2015 for rehabilitation and up-gradation of infrastructure, out of ...2/-

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which Rs. 898.50 crore is for creation and up-gradation of infrastructure and an amount of Rs. 107.49 crore is for rehabilitation and construction of pucca houses for Indian returnees. The package sanctioned to State Government of West Bengal by Government of India is for a period of five years from 2015-16 to 2019-2020. The scheme fully funded by Government of India is implemented by the State Government of West Bengal. Government of India has sanctioned barbed wire fencing to the extent of 3326.14 km along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Out of this, fencing to the extent of 2731 km has been completed.

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