

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 428  
ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017**

**Fencing of Indo Pak and Indo Bangladesh borders**

428 Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav

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

- (a) how many kilometres of Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh borders have not been covered by systematic fencing;
- (b) the details of steps taken for fencing during the last three years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that lack of complete fencing of border makes infiltration into the country's territory easy for carrying out various criminal activities and the smugglers also take advantage of this situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU )

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*428 FOR 12.4.2017

(a) A total of about 249.61 km of Indo-Pakistan Border (IPB) and 1090.2 km of Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) have not been covered by fencing, primarily due to riverine/nala/marshy terrain and in some cases due to pending land acquisition etc.

(b) The Government of India has taken various measures to expedite the fencing along the IPB and IBB. These measures include:

(i) Close monitoring of the fence work through Border Security Force (BSF) and periodic meetings in the Ministry of Home Affairs, including at the highest level.

(ii) Increase in the frequency of High Level Empowered Committee (HLEC) and Technical Committee meetings to expedite approvals of border fence work.

(iii) Coordination with States bordering IPB and IBB at all levels to resolve local issues and land acquisition etc., which are hampering the progress of fence work.

(iv) Government of India has sanctioned a pilot project for deployment of Technological Solutions in different terrains, starting with Jammu.

(c) & (d): The fence along IBB and IPB is only one of the measures to enhance security along the

borders. Several other measures are taken along the borders, and the unfenced stretches, to curb cross border crimes. Therefore, lack of complete fencing of borders does not make it easy for infiltration/smuggling. The details of other measures taken for border protection are as follows:-  
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- (i) BSF is putting special efforts to dominate the unfenced areas of border by physical patrolling, laying of concertina wires, LASER, Infra-red, laying nakas, etc.
- (ii) Effective domination of the borders by BSF through round the clock surveillance of the border, establishing observation posts all along the border and strengthening existing defences of the Border Out posts (BOPs).
- (iii) Introduction of Force multipliers and Hi-Tech Surveillance Equipments to enhance surveillance of the borders.
- (iv) Vulnerability mapping of BOPs is reviewed from time to time from the point of view of cross-border crimes and being strengthened by deploying additional manpower, Special surveillance Equipments, vehicles and other infrastructure support.
- (v) The riverine areas of the border are dominated with the help of Floating BoPs, Speed Boats, Fast Attack Crafts, etc.

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