

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Fencing of border area passing through Malda district

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

(a) whether cases of fake currencies have increased post-demonetisation, if so, the details of fake currency seized postdemonetisation, district-wise;

(b) whether out of 220 kms. of the border area passing through Malda district, West Bengal, only 150 kms. have been fenced, whether this has been a reason for increase in fake currency rackets in the area;

(c) if so, whether Government has fixed any time-line to fence the unmarked area, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for BSF authorities continuously failing in securing the borders from smuggling of currency?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of fake currency seized along International Borders (IB), post demonetization, district-wise is as follows:-

Border State Distt. FICN Seized(In Rs)
Indo-Bangladesh Border West Bengal

Malda

14,76,000/-

Murshidabad 1,00,000/-

Indo-Myanmar Border Manipur Tamenglong 1000/-

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(b) & (C): Some portion of Indo-Bangladesh border in Malda district is unfenced due to low lying/riverine areas, pending land acquisition, etc. The Government of India has decided to plug the gaps along Indo-Bangladesh Border by means of physical and non-physical barriers.

(d): Following steps are being taken by BSF to stop fake currency smuggling:

(i) Effective domination of the borders by BSF through round the clock surveillance of the border, viz., patrolling, laying nakas, establishing observation posts all along the IB and strengthening existing defences of the Border Out posts (BOPs).

(ii) Introduction of Force multipliers and Hi-Tech Surveillance Equipments to reduce stress level of troops and enhance surveillance of border.

(iii) 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.
