

East Pakistan border which were suspended on the 4th June, 1961 would be resumed again on the 1st of November this year;

(b) whether the aforesaid Joint Surveys have been actually resumed; and

(c) what is the present position with regard to Joint Surveys and demarcation of the Tripura—East Pakistan border and the Assam—East Pakistan border?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The present position with regard to the joint survey and demarcation of the Tripura—East Pakistan border and Assam—East Pakistan border, is given in a statement which is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. The statement does not cover the current field season; work done during the current field season can only be tabulated after the season ends in spring next year.

## STATEMENT

S. No.	Name of Sector	Total length of Sector	Demarcation completed upto end of last field season by placement of pillars.
I.	West Bengal-East Pakistan	1349 miles approximately	1064 miles approximately
II.	Assam-East Pakistan	620 miles approximately	411½ miles approximately
III.	Tripura-East Pakistan	550 miles approximately	184 miles approximately

**Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** May I know whether complete ground rules about protection to be given to survey personnel of both countries have been arrived at so as to remove all causes of friction and tension?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** May I know if the reported withdrawal of Pakistan troops recently from Daikhata in the district of Jalpaiguri in North Bengal has been in pursuance of this decision, and whether joint surveys have been started there also?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** Joint surveys are going on in different pockets in these areas. I do not know whether it is going on at this particular spot at this moment. Protection that has to be given to the survey parties has been decided in the meetings of the Deputy Commissioners, and later of Chief Secretaries, that were held.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether in the last series of meetings held in Calcutta, the Director of Land Records and Surveys of West Bengal said that he was not authorised by the Central Government to discuss the question of the Tripura—

East Pakistan border? If it is a fact, what are the reasons for the same?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** For Tripura, we felt that it would be better if we appointed a separate officer to deal with that.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Is it a fact that survey work at Berubari has been suspended? If so, what are the reasons therefor, and whether it is going to be started soon?

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** It has been suspended?

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** It was reported in the newspapers that the survey work at Berubari had been suspended because of the wrong attitude of the other people. I want to know whether it is likely to be started, and if so, when.

**Shri Dinesh Singh:** I cannot say offhand whether at a particular place it has been suspended.

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