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Title: Need to take steps to check cattle smuggling in the border areas of West Bengal.

***SHRI ABU TAHER KHAN (MURSHIDABAD)** : Hon. Speaker Sir, thank you for running the House so long. Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is also present in the House today. I thank him for being present here at this unearthly hour. My constituency is Murshidabad district of West Bengal. It is a border area. Barbed wire fencing is required through the 240 km stretch but only 100 km fencing has been done. Rest of the area is unprotected. 250 km stretch is under BADP (Border Area Development Project) but the condition of road is utterly pathetic. Cattle smuggling is rampant there. Today, it has been mentioned that the madrasas are the breeding ground of anti-national activities. This is very unfortunate. But our Government of West Bengal and Hon. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee are very much concerned about these sensitive issues. She is trying her best to deal with this menace. However, it is the responsibility of BSF to check cattle smuggling in the border area. Strangely enough, BSF remains a silent spectator. The Central Government is absolutely inactive. Infact, it is the duty of the Central Government to look into these problems. It is a sorry state of affairs. BSF is not performing its duties properly. Therefore I request the Union Government to focus on the bordering areas and instruct the BSF personnel to pull up their socks. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

