

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:535
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OBSTRUCTION IN FENCING WORK ON BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has opposed and is obstructing the Para-Military Forces in executing the fencing work on the border;
- (b) if so, the details of objections raised by Pakistan;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps so far taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.535 due for answer on 24th April, 2001.

(a)to(d): The Government of Pakistan has raised objection to the construction of defensive structures by Indian security forces along some segments of the International Boundary in Jammu & Kashmir and have alleged unprovoked firing by Indian security forces. The Pakistani troops have also resorted to intermittent firing on BSF troops to create hindrance in the construction work relating to defensive structures.

The Government of India has rejected the allegations of unprovoked firing by our security forces as false and baseless since our security force are acting with great responsibility and displaying exemplary restraint. India has reiterated that the construction of defensive structures along the International Boundary in Jammu & Kashmir and in other sectors is undertaken by our security forces from time to time based on security requirements. Our forces will continue to construct such defensive structures as are needed to combat Pakistan's infiltration of terrorists from across the border.