

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FENCING IN LoC

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wire fencing along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir to stall insurgency and militancy is being erected without hinderance from across the border;

(b) if so, the length of Line of Control that has been fenced so far and the length of Line of Control that is still to be fenced with wire; and

(c) the time by which the remaining fencing work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Army has undertaken selective fencing along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) as a measure to check infiltration of terrorists. In certain areas where the fencing is close to the Line of Control, Pakistan attempts to hinder the fence construction.

(b) & (c) : A frontage of about 110 kms. out of a total 523 kms. that has been planned for fencing along the LoC in J&K, is in progress and expected to be completed by the middle of 2004. Thereafter, the remaining work will be progressed.