

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF BORDER

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

- (a) the time since when Ferozepur Border is lying closed and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government propose to re-open the said border;
- (c) whether land of farmers is located on the other side of the wired fence on the Ferozepur Border;
- (d) if so, the number of hours for which the border is opened for facilitating the farming activity by the farmers; and
- (e) the details of compensation provided to farmers whose land have been affected due to fencing of Indo-Pak Border, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGHUPATHY)

- (a): The Ferozepur Border is lying closed since the Indo-Pak conflict of 1971.
- (b): No decision has been taken to re-open this border.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Gates have been provided on the fencing and are being opened thrice a day i.e. from 0600 to 0800 hours, 1130 to 1230 hours and from 1700 to 1900 hours regularly for facilitating easy movement of Indian farmers.
- (e): The Government of India has released Rs. 7.00 crores to the Government of Punjab and Rs. 3.91 crores to the Government of Rajasthan for paying compensation to farmers whose land has been acquired for fencing purposes on Indo-Pak border.