

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011
FENCING ALONG BORDER
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and the expenditure incurred on fencing and floodlighting of the border areas along Bangladesh and Pakistan during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the details of the progress made in this regard alongwith the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (b) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280 FOR 13TH DECEMBER, 2011

(a): The details of funds allocated, sanctioned and expenditure incurred on fencing and floodlighting along the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) and the Indo-Pakistan Border (IPB) during the last three years and the current year are as below:

Border Fencing:

(Rs. in crore)

Year Funds Allocated Funds Sanctioned Expenditure Incurred

IBB IPB IBB IPB IBB IPB

2008-09 402.68 87.75 400.82 91.90 393.78 91.90

2009-10 485.00 121.40 463.24 120.70 455.17 93.49

2010-11 197.74 120.50 284.04 136.30 167.83 136.30

2011-12 280.00 90.50 122.17 70.26 99.51 0.06#
(BE)

Expenditure incurred/sanction issued are more than the allocated fund as sanctions were issued based on the BE while the allocation was revised downwards at RE stage later.

The construction agency (CPWD) has reported an expenditure of over Rs. 25 crore. However, the same is yet to be booked.

Border Floodlighting:

(Rs. in crore)

Year Funds Allocated Funds Sanctioned Expenditure Incurred

IBB IPB IBB IPB IBB IPB

2008-09 9.50 28.50 10.00 10.00 9.88 4.46

2009-10 140.00 40.10 140.00 38.13 140.00 38.13

2010-11 117.00 10.00 123.40 10.11 123.32 10.11

2011-12 80.00 45.00 80.00 9.34 62.43 6.83
(BE)

Expenditure incurred/sanction issued are more than the allocated funds as sanctions were issued based on the BE while the allocation was revised downwards at RE stage later.

(b): Details of the progress and time by which the works are likely to be completed are as given below:

Border Fencing and floodlighting along Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB): The Government had sanctioned the construction of fencing along the IBB in two phases. The total length of Indo-Bangladesh border sanctioned to be fenced under Phase-I and Phase-II is 3436.59 km; out of which about 2760.12 km of fencing has so far been completed. In addition, the Government of India has sanctioned a project (Phase-III) for replacing the entire fencing constructed under Phase-I. So far, 790 km (out of 861 km) of fencing has been replaced under Phase-III.

277 km of floodlighting has been completed in West Bengal as a pilot project. The Government has decided to undertake additional floodlighting in 2840 km along Indo-Bangladesh border. The work of floodlighting in new border areas for a length of 775 km has been completed of which 600 km has been energized. Additionally, in about 750 km of floodlighting work is under progress at different stages i.e. erection of poles, laying of cables, fitting of fixtures and energization.

As per the present approval, the above works are targeted to be completed by March, 2012. However, this is likely to spill over as the balance work lies primarily in difficult stretches and involve issues like land acquisition, public habitation, forest/ wildlife clearance, fencing within 150 yards of international border etc.

Border Fencing and floodlighting along Indo-Pakistan Border (IPB): The Government has sanctioned 2043.63 km of border fencing and 2009.52 km of floodlighting along the IPB; out of which 1940.72 km of border fencing and 1878.92 km of floodlighting has been completed.

As per the present approval (accorded on 20.07.2009), the above works are targeted to be completed by March, 2012 or three working seasons. However, this is likely to spill over as the balance work involves the difficult areas of the Rann of Kutch in the Gujarat sector.