

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FENCING AND FLOODLIGHTING AT BORDERS

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

- (a) the status of floodlighting along the borders and the time by which the remaining work, if any, is likely to be completed, border-wise;
- (b) the details of funds released and utilised for the work of fencing and floodlighting along the borders during the last three years and the current year, border- wise;
- (c) whether there are reports of damage to the border roads and fencing due to flood and corrosion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, border-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to repair the damaged roads and fencing?

**Answer**

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

(a): The status of floodlighting border-wise and the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed, are as follows:-

Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB)

277 Km of floodlighting has been completed in West Bengal under a pilot project in June 2006. The Government has decided to undertake additional floodlighting in 2840 Km. in November 2007. The work of floodlighting in new border areas for a length of 1015 km has been completed. Additional 612 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 were targeted to be completed by March'2012. However, this has spilled over.

Indo-Pakistan Border (IPB)

The Government of India has sanctioned 2009.52 km of floodlighting, out of which 1900.92 km has been completed.

As per the present approval (accorded on 20.07.2009), the works in Gujarat Sector were targeted to be completed by March, 2012 or three working seasons. However, the work has spilled over as the balance work involves the difficult area of Rann of Kutch.

(b): Details of funds released and utilised for the work of fencing and floodlighting along the borders during the last three years and the current year, border-wise, are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Fencing	Name of Border	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
	(till date)				
	Indo-Bangladesh	455.17	167.83	279.45	17.76
	Indo-Pakistan	93.49	136.30	61.96	7.00
	Indo-Myanmar	5.04	8.38	4.00	
Flood Lighting	Indo-Bangladesh	140.00	123.32	230.29	97.49
	Indo-Pakistan	38.13	10.11	15.24	0.85

Funds released to the Construction Agencies.

(c) to (e): As the border roads and fencing are generally in the difficult areas with adverse weather conditions, maintenance/repairs is

a continuous process. Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and Border Security Force (BSF), who are entrusted with work of maintenance/repairs, take up the repair works.