

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3502  
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PILLARS AT INDO PAK BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of pillars erected on the Indo-Pak border in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) whether there are reports that these pillars are removed frequently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government has not fixed pillars on the Indo-Pak border in the State of Jammu and Kashmir along indo-Pakistan border. Border pillars of different shapes and size exist on the ground since partition. A total of 986 border pillars demarcate the international boundary of Jammu-Sialkot Sector. Out of these, 112 border pillars are missing due to wear and tear and changing courses of rivers/rivulets.

(b) & (c): Few border pillars, which are called Burji and Marker by Pakistan Rangers have been removed by Pakistanis and these are Boundary Pillar No. 8, 9, 12, 18 and 538.

(d): At present, status quo is maintained. Border Security Force(BSF) carries out physical checking of these border pillars at regular intervals. However, in case of any disputes related to border pillars, the strong protest notes are lodged with counterpart during Flag-Meetings and in the Bi-annual meeting between Director General, BSF and Director General, Pakistan Rangers.