

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADING FENCING ALONG BORDERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of damage to fencing due to snowfall, flood and corrosion at the borders;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to erect snow and flood resistant fencing at the borders;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, the damage to border fence being manned by the Border Security Force(BSF) has been reported due to flood and corrosion. However, the stretch of Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders having fence does not witness snow-fall. The details of damaged border fence along Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders due to various natural factors such as flood, high velocity winds, shifting sand dunes, corrosion, rainfall etc are as under:-

Indo-Pakistan	
State	Damaged Border Fence (In Km.)
Jammu	7
Punjab	127
Rajasthan	276
Gujarat	86
Total	496

Indo-Bangladesh	
State	Damaged Border Fence (In Km.)
West Bengal	259
Assam	52
Meghalaya	5
Tripura	52
Mizoram	10
Total	378

(b)&(c): At present, there is no proposal regarding construction of flood resistance fencing for flood-prone border areas.

(d) : The executing agencies are repairing the damaged portion of Phase-I fencing under the Phase-III Scheme which was approved by the Government of India. At present, 790 km. of fencing has been completed out of sanctioned length of 861 km. along Indo-Bangladesh border.