

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO MYANMAR BORDER DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of border dispute between India and Myanmar;
- (b) the current status of resolving the dispute;
- (c) the details of dialogues/consultations/meetings held between the two countries to settle the issue;
- (d) whether there have been protests against the fencing work at the border and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the border problems and conduct a joint survey of the border?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) There is no boundary dispute between India and Myanmar. There are, however, nine unresolved Boundary Pillars (BP) along the India-Myanmar Border in Manipur sector. The two sides hold regular dialogue on issues related with boundary demarcation and border management, through institutionalised mechanisms, such as Foreign Office Consultations, National Level Meetings (NLM) and Sectoral Level Meetings (SLM). Meetings are also held at the level of the Heads of Survey Department and Director (Survey), where issues related to boundary demarcation, joint survey, inspection and maintenance of boundary pillars are, inter alia, discussed. Joint survey, inspection and maintenance of Boundary Pillars are regularly carried out by Survey Departments of both the sides. India has also proposed constitution of a Joint Boundary Working Group with Myanmar to enable examination of all boundary related issues in a comprehensive manner.

Media has recently carried reports of protests against fencing work at the India-Myanmar border on grounds that the fence was being constructed deep inside Indian Territory. A Central Team recently conducted site inspection of the BPs near Moreh, Manipur, along with representatives of the Manipur Government and the political parties".