GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3166 ANSWERED ON:11.02.2014 FENCING OF BORDERS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of infiltration at various borders are rampant despite several security measures taken by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the status of fencing of borders, State-wise and border-wise;
- (d) the time by which the remaining fencing work is likely to be completed;and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to repair fences damaged due to flood and corrosion?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Infiltration is not rampant and no set pattern in respect of levels of increase/decrease in infiltration can be deduced from the record of apprehension/killing of infiltrators.

(c)&(d) The status of fencing of borders, State-wise and border-wise is as follows:-

Fencing (Indo-Bangladesh Border)

(Length in km)

Name of State PHASE I PHASE II

Sanctioned Completed Sanctioned Completed Balance

West Bengal 507 507 964.00 722.00 242.00

Assam 152.31 149.29 76.72 74.94 1.78

Meghalaya 198.06 198.06 264.17 137.47 126.70

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Total 857.37 854.35 2502.22 1933.00 569.22
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The balance portion of Phase-I fencing is non-feasible.

The balance works in Phase-II are targeted to be completed by March, 2014.

Fencing (Indo-Pakistan Border)

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(Length in Km)
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Name of the State Sanctioned Completed Balance

Punjab 461 462.45

Rajasthan 1056.63 1048.27

Jammu International Border 186 186

Gujarat 340 261.78 79.22

TOTAL 2043.63 1958.50 79.22

Variation in length is due to topographical factors/alignment of fencing.

The fencing works along the Indo-Pakistan border was scheduled to be completed by May,2012. However, the works have spilled over as the balance stretches fall in the inundated/water- logged/marshy areas. The executing agencies are in the process of deploying improved technology to fence the remaining stretches which can withstand the terrain and weather conditions.

Fencing (Indo-Myanmar Border)

Government of India has initiated action to fence the area between BP No. 79 to 81 in the State of Manipur on the Indo-Myanmar Border (9.12 km). So far, 4.07 km fencing work has been completed. The date of completion of the work is March, 2014.

There is no fencing along the Indo-China, Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan Border.

(e) The damaged portions of fencing due to flood and corrosion are taken up by the Government as and when reported by the Border Guarding Forces. Along the Indo-Bangladesh border, a project for replacement of Phase-I fencing in the State of West Bengal, Assam and Meghalaya for 861 km is under way. Similarly, project for repair/replacement of damaged fencing of about 200 Km along the Indo-Pakistan border is under way. Further, the fencing is regularly maintained by the Border Guarding Forces.