

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF LAND ON INDO BANGLA BORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge piece of land is lying unutilized between zero line and border fencing on Indo-Bangla Border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to promote short height plantations like tea in these unutilized lands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) India shares 4096.7 Km of its land border with Bangladesh. West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram are the States which share the border with Bangladesh. The State-wise length of the borders is as under:

(Length in KM)	
State	Total Length
West Bengal	2216.70
Assam	263.00
Meghalaya	443.00
Tripura	856.00
Mizoram	318.00
TOTAL	4096.70

The entire stretch consist of plain, riverine, hilly/jungle and with hardly any natural obstacles. The area is heavily populated, and at many stretches the cultivation is carried out till the last inch of the border. At other places, cultivation may not be possible due to topographical constraints.

- (c) No Madam.
- (d) Does not arise