

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FENCING ON INDO PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) has constructed second barbed fencing along various districts of Punjab on Indo-Pak border to save the agricultural land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the first old barbed fencing has been removed to facilitate the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): There are some patches in Punjab State where second barbed wire fence was constructed on the demand of Border Security Force (BSF) for re-alignment of the fence due to strategic reasons and to secure the agricultural land.

(b): The details of double fencing in the Area of Responsibility (AoR) of Punjab frontier are as under:-

Sl.No.	UNIT	LENGTH OF DOUBLE FENCING (IN MTR)
01.	50 BN, BSF	4700
02.	137 BN, BSF	4201
03.	117 BN, BSF	9390
04.	129 BN, BSF	11880
TOTAL		30171

(c) & (d): The first old barbed fencing has not been removed due to the following reasons:-

- (i) Fencing track is not available with the forward fence and floodlights have not been installed due to non-availability of electric supply.
- (ii) The area is full of high Sarkanda growth which restrict the observation.
- (iii) The fence ahead closer to the International Border (IB) continue to get washed away due to the overflowing of river Ravi and Satluj almost during every season. The BSF performs the duties along with rear fence where track as well as floodlights are available.
- (iv) The total area of enclave is marshy and remains flooded during the rainy season. Hence, the BSF has to depend on the rear fence and track to perform their duty during rainy season for two to three months.
- (v) Both the rear/forward fence help the BSF to check the trans border crimes.