

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1880**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 13, 1941 (SAKA)

SMART FENCING AT INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER

1880. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian side of the border with Bangladesh is equipped with underwater and underground sonar sensors;**
- (b) whether smart fencing project has been initiated at the West Bengal-Bangladesh border;**
- (c) the length of unfenced border in kilometres in West Bengal along the Indo-Bangladesh border and the length in kilometres where border fencing work is under construction;**
- (d) whether the Government has set any deadline for completion of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): As part of Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS), Technological solutions are being used for vulnerable areas on Indo-Bangladesh Border. It involves integration of various sensors and surveillance equipments with a command and control system.

(c) to (e): Out of 2216.7 Km International Border in West Bengal with Bangladesh, 1637 Km has been covered with the physical fencing. Remaining 579.7 Km border could not be completed due to various reasons which inter-alia include difficult terrain, riverine and marshy land, short working season, land acquisition problems, public protests and objections by Border Guard Bangladesh. The Govt. is regularly monitoring the progress of work.
