

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1016

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13, 1936 (SAKA)

FENCING ALONG GUJARAT-PAKISTAN BORDER

1016. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the target fixed for construction of fencing along the Gujarat-Pakistan border;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with total length earmarked for construction of border fencing as well as pillar-wise achievements made so far; and

(c) the steps taken and time by when open parts of Gujarat border will be closed?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The fencing along the India-Pakistan border in the State of Gujarat has been sanctioned for 340 km. The work was targeted to be completed by May, 2012. However, due to frequent floods and inundated/water-logged/marshy areas, the work could not be completed in time. The details of the works completed as on date are as follows:-

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| Fencing sanctioned | Fencing completed |
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| 340 km | 262.7 km |
| From Border Pillar (BP) No. 921/M to 1135/M | BP No. 921 to 1012 = 145 km. |
| | BP No. 1049 to 1050 = 1km.
(Poilot project) |
| | BP No. 1057/M to 1122/S-2 =102.7 km. |
| | BP No. 1125 to 1135 = 14 km. |

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(c): The balance fence works along the India-Pakistan border in the State of Gujarat fall in the inundated/water-logged/marshy areas. The executing agencies are deploying improved technology to fence the remaining stretches which can withstand the terrain and weather conditions. In order to complete the work with improved technology, a pilot project of one km has been completed. Further, since some of the parts of the India-Pakistan border are highly marshy and low-lying, the fencing of the entire open parts of the India-Pakistan border in the State of Gujarat is not feasible.
