

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2437**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 26, 1942 (SAKA)

FENCING AT INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER

2437 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise and kilometer-wise details of works regarding setting up of wire fencing having been completed so far at Indo-Bangladesh border;**
- (b) the area in kilometers where setting up of wire fencing remains pending along with the timeline set for its completion;**
- (c) the status of patrolling work at trans-boundary river area of the border;**
- (d) whether flood lights have been installed in the trans-boundary river area of the borders;**
- (e) the number of illegal migrants having entered in India by crossing the border during last five years; and**
- (f) State-wise number of such people arrested by Border Security Force (BSF) during above period?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The details of Border Fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border is as under:-

| (Length in Km) | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Sno. | State | Total length of International border | International border covered with fence | Balance length |
| 1. | W. Bengal | 2216.70 | 1638.047 | 578.653 |
| 2. | Assam | 263.00 | 210.017 | 52.983 |
| 3. | Meghalaya | 443.00 | 325.773 | 117.227 |
| 4. | Mizoram | 318.00 | 155.077 | 162.923 |
| 5. | Tripura | 856.00 | 794.373 | 61.627 |
| Total | | 4096.70 | 3123.287 | 973.413 |

The fencing work on Indo-Bangladesh Border could not be completed due to difficult terrain, riverine and marshy land, short working season, land acquisition problems, public protests and objections by Border Guard Bangladesh etc. However, the Government is regularly monitoring the progress of fence work for its completion.

(c): BSF has deployed personnel along with floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) and boats for guarding riverine border on Indo-Bangladesh border.

(d): Flood lights/High Mast Lights (HML) are installed to cover small river/nallah gaps along the border.

(e): As illegal infiltrators enter into the country in clandestine and surreptitious manner, there is no correct estimate of the total number of such illegal infiltrators.

(f): State wise details of illegal infiltrators apprehended by Border Security Force along Indo-Bangladesh border during the last five years is as under:

| State | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Assam | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| Meghalaya | 56 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 20 |
| Tripura | 105 | 76 | 96 | 108 | 44 |
| West Bengal | 1434 | 797 | 753 | 974 | 886 |
| Total | 1601 | 907 | 884 | 1109 | 955 |
