GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3527

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17^{TH} DECEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 26, 1946 (SAKA)

FENCING ALONG INDIA-BANGLADESH BORDER

3527. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the remaining work of fencing along the India-Bangladesh border, aimed at curtailing illegal infiltration, smuggling and addressing security concerns; and

(b) in light of challenges such as difficult terrain, local objections regarding relocation and compensation and compliance with the Land Boundary Agreement of 2015 that restricts construction within 150 yards of the zero line the measures that are being implemented by the Government to resolve these issues and ensure timely completion of the project?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government has been persistent in its efforts to complete the remaining work of fencing along the India-Bangladesh border by engaging with State administration for land availability and construction agencies for preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and executing the sanctioned projects on these stretches. (b): All efforts are being made to resolve the pending land acquisition cases in close coordination with the respective State Governments and regular dialogues are held between the Government of India and the Government of Bangladesh regarding objections raised by the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) through bilateral institutional mechanisms such as Director General-Level Talks between Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Joint Working Group on Security and Border Management to ensure implementation of security fencing within 150 yards of the International Border.

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