

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4905

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd JULY, 2019/ SHRAVANA 01, 1941 (SAKA)

EXPENDITURE ON BORDER FENCING

4905. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and spent for the International Border Fencing between India and Bangladesh during the last five years;

(b) the total distance to be fenced on Indo-Bangladesh Border and other borders and the distance fenced so far along with the time by which all fencing work are likely to be completed, border-wise;

(c) the number of infiltrators who have infiltrated through the fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border during the said period; and

(d) the status of the schemes for Indo-Bangla Border during the said period and the reasons for delay thereof, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a): The details of amount sanctioned and spent for the International Border

Fencing between India and Bangladesh during the last five years are as under:

| Sno. | Year | Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore) | Expenditure (Rs. in Crore) |
|-------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | 2014-15 | 274.13 | 274.18 |
| 2. | 2015-16 | 175.00 | 156.24 |
| 3. | 2016-17 | 100.00 | 97.48 |
| 4. | 2017-18 | 200.00 | 201.95 |
| 5. | 2018-19 | 408.58 | 408.63 |
| Total | | 1157.71 | 1138.48 |

(b): The details of fencing along Indo Bangladesh & Indo Pakistan border are as under:

(Length in Kms)

| Border | Length of International Border | Fence sanctioned | Fence Completed | Work in progress | Balance | Probable date of completion |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Indo-Bangladesh Border | 4096.70 | 3326.14 | 2803.013 | 169.64 | 353.487 | December, 2020 |
| Indo-Pakistan Border | 2289.70 | 2069.046 | 2004.66 | 64.38 | - | March, 2022 |

(c): Border guarding forces conduct regular patrolling, lay nakas and establish observation posts and carry out anti tunneling exercise to stop illegal infiltration.

However, some illegal migrants are able to enter in a clandestine and surreptitious manner, mainly due to difficult riverine terrain in parts of international border with Bangladesh which are not amenable to physical fencing. As such, the accurate number of infiltrators is not available. However the details of infiltrators who were apprehended along Indo-Bangladesh border during the last 5 years w.e.f. 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2018 and current year up to 30.06.2019 is as under:-

India-Bangladesh Border

| Border State | Year | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 (upto 30.06.2019) |
| West Bengal | 2260 | 3296 | 1875 | 992 | 900 | 379 |
| Assam | 22 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 6 |
| Meghalaya | 64 | 57 | 63 | 47 | 39 | 11 |
| Mizoram | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Tripura | 101 | 65 | 130 | 122 | 165 | 94 |
| Total | 2455 | 3426 | 2075 | 1175 | 1118 | 497 |

(d): The schemes for creation of border infrastructure works like fence, road, floodlight and BOPs are in progress and their expected date for completion is December, 2020.
