

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1418**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020/BHADRAPADA 29, 1942 (SAKA)

FENCING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER

1418. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length in kilometres of fencing of Indo-Bangladesh border which has been completed so far, State-wise;**
- (b) the length in kilometres of the border yet to be fenced along with the target time for completion;**
- (c) the details of patrolling status in the riverine border;**
- (d) whether there are floodlights along the riverine section of the borders;**
- (e) the number of illegal migrants who have crossed over to India during the last five years; and**
- (f) the number of such persons arrested by BSF during the said period, State-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The state-wise details of border covered by fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border is as under:

(Approx. Length in Km)

Sno	State	Length of International Border (IB)	Length of IB covered by fencing	Length of IB yet to be covered
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	791.118	64.882
Total		4096.70	3120.032	976.668

The fencing work could not be completed due to difficult terrain, short working season, land acquisition problems, public protests, objections by Border Guard Bangladesh and recently the COVID-19 situation. The Government regularly monitors the progress of work along Indo-Bangladesh border to ensure its completion.

(c) The riverine border along Indo-Bangladesh border is dominated through floating Border Out Posts, patrolling with boats, foot patrolling along river banks during day and night and by conducting special operations with state police as and when required.

(d) Floodlights are installed along fenced border including small river/ nallah gaps.

(e) & (f) Border Security Force conducts regular patrolling, lay nakas, establish observation posts and carry out anti-tunneling exercise to stop illegal migrants. 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. The state-wise details of illegal migrants apprehended by BSF along Indo-Bangladesh border during last five years w.e.f. 01.01.2015 is as under:

Sno	Border State	Year					
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (upto 31 st Aug)
1.	W. Bengal	3296	1875	992	900	1167	464
2.	Assam	08	07	11	11	08	07
3.	Meghalaya	57	63	47	39	43	27
4.	Mizoram	00	00	03	03	07	00
5.	Tripura	65	130	122	165	126	42
Total		3426	2075	1175	1118	1351	540
