

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2392**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2024/ AGRAHAYANA 19, 1946 (SAKA)

INTERNATIONAL BORDER FENCING

2392. SHRI SALENG A SANGMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the international border fencing along the India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya, including the areas covered, progress of ongoing work and any challenges faced in completing the fencing project;

(b) whether the Government is considering deploying additional border security personnel or adopting advanced surveillance technology in areas where physical fencing may not be feasible keeping in view the security concerns along the India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya;

(c) whether the Government has outlined any recent discussions or agreements with the Government of Bangladesh to improve border security and cooperation to mitigate cross-border issues such as smuggling and unauthorized crossings; and

(d) if so, whether there is a timeline for the completion of the remaining fencing along the Meghalaya-Bangladesh border, and budgetary allocations that have been made for this project in the current fiscal year?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total length of Indo-Bangladesh Border in Meghalaya is 443 km, out of which 367.155 km length of International border has been covered by fence. Fence work is in progress in 19.759 km. The challenges faced in completing the feasible stretches of fencing projects relate to land acquisition, Border

Guard Bangladesh (BGB) objections, limited working season and land slide/marshy land in the state.

(b): Yes. The border security of non-feasible stretch is ensured by using technological equipment such as Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI), Night vision Device (NVD), Twin Telescope, upgradation of intelligence setup and enhanced coordination with the State Governments/concerned intelligence agencies and by employing additional manpower.

(c) & (d): Issues relating to border security management and cooperation to mitigate cross-border issues are discussed with Bangladesh through bilateral institutional mechanisms such as Director General-Level Talks between Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh and Joint Working Group on Security and Border Infrastructure. Moreover, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) is constantly engaged in dialogue through directives of Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) which include simultaneous coordinated day and night patrolling, pillar checking, flag meetings, reporting of border violations and sharing of information which aims to synergize efforts between both the forces to control cross-border crimes and maintain peace. Government has been persistent in its efforts to remove obstacles and ensure timely completion. In the current financial year (FY 2024-25), the budget allocation for Indo-Bangladesh fence works is Rs. 299.58 crore out of which, Rs. 19.54 crore has been released to the Executive Agencies for Meghalaya.
