GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:4 ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003 FENCING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER PARSURAM MAJHI; SONTOSH MOHAN DEV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal for fencing of the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far in that regard and the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise;
- (c) the progress thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the fencing work is likely to be completed in each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTIN NO.4 FOR ANSWER OI FEBRUARY, 2003 BY S/Sh. SONTOSH MOHAN DEV AND PARASURAM MAJHI, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGAL FENCING ON INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER:

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government has sanctioned construction of 857.37 Kms. of fencing under Phase-I and 2429.5 Kms. under Phase-II along the Indo-Bangladesh Border. The Phase-wise details of expenditure incurred for execution of fencing work and physical progress made so far, State-wise are indicated below: Phase-I

Name of the States Physical Expenditure incurred upto Dec., 2002

Fence sanctioned Progress made

West Bengal 507.00 Kms 507.00 Kms 8908.93 lacs Assam 152.31 Kms 149.294 Kms 1928.83 lacs Meghalaya 198.06 Kms 198.06 Kms 2839.00 lacs

Total: 857.37 Kms 854.354 Kms 13676.76 lacs

West Bengal 1021.00 Kms 155.42 Kms 4686.66 lacs (upto Jan. 2003)

Assam 71.50 Kms - Nil Meghalaya 201.00 Kms 7.30 Kms 254.00 lacs Tripura 736.00 Kms 9.53 Kms 546.00 lacs

Mizoram 400.00 Kms Nil Nil

Total: 2429.50 Kms 172.55 Kms. 5486.66 lacs

The entire fencing project is likely to be completed by 2007. Steps are being taken to further expedite its completion.