

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3039

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BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH BANGLADESH

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the boundary dispute between India and Bangladesh still continues;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether a survey has been conducted jointly by India and Bangladesh recently;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the survey;
- (e) whether a decision has been arrived at regarding the exchange of enclaves as well as return of 1500 acres of Indian land under occupation by Bangladesh; and
- (f) if not, the time by which the said decision is likely to be taken?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

a] & b) The Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), signed between India and Bangladesh in 1974, has been implemented except for three issues pertaining to:

(i) demarcation of 6.1 km. of the border in three sectors, namely: Lathitilla-Dumabari (3 km in Assam sector), South Berubari (1.5 km in West Bengal sector), and Muhuri river/Belonia sector (1.6 km in Tripura sector).

(ii) exchange of adverse possessions and,

(iii) exchange of enclaves.

c) No.

d) Does not arise.

(e & f) Government of India is keen on an early settlement of all boundary related issues including exchange of enclaves and adverse possessions with Bangladesh in accordance with the LBA 1974. Two Joint Boundary Working Groups (JBWG) were set up in 2001 to resolve all pending issues relating to the implementation of the LBA. They have so far met thrice. The third meeting of the JBWG was held in Dhaka on July 15 & 16, 2006 during which the two sides exchanged views on all outstanding boundary related issues in a frank and constructive manner. It was agreed to hold the meeting of the JBWG on an annual basis and to undertake a joint visit to enclaves and territories under adverse possession, both in India and Bangladesh, at an early date.