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Title: Need for barbed wire fencing border road along Madhugari Gram Panchayat in Nadia district, West Bengal.

SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN (MURSHIDABAD): Hon. Speaker Madam, I would like to raise an important issue regarding the construction of border road along with barbed wire fencing in Madhugari Gram Panchayat area under Karimpur – I Development Block in the district of Nadia, West Bengal which comes under my parliamentary constituency.

Madam, the River Padma was flowing inside the Indian territory before 1996, but suddenly, it has changed its course between the years 1996 and 2003 and started flowing through Bangladesh territory engulfing the river Mathabhanga. As a result, there was erosion and re-alignment of Indo-Bangladesh demarcation line.

Nearly, 3,500 acres of Indian cultivable land -- falling within the limits of Madhugari Gram Panchayat -- have been found to have emerged as the 'Fertile Charland' to the north of River Padma within India. The Indian cultivators, belonging to this sector, had so far been earning their livelihood by cultivating this huge area. But now, through reliable sources, I have come to know that the Government is going to undertake re-construction work of the Border Road along the southern side of the present course of the River Padma far from the Indo-Bangladesh demarcation line.

I would like to request the hon. Minister, through you, Madam that the construction work should take place at a distance of 150 metres from the Indo-Bangladesh Radcliffe Line of demarcation. I am saying this because if the Border Road and barbed wire fencing are constructed far from the demarcation line, then 3,500 acres of the Indian cultivable land will go

to the Bangladesh goons and the Indian cultivators will face huge difficulty in accessing their land for cultivation.

So, I would request the Government to look into the matter on humanitarian grounds, and construct the Border Road and barbed wire fencing within 150 metres from the Indo-Bangladesh Radcliffe Line.

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HON. SPEAKER: Yes, but the 'Zero Hour' submissions should always be short.