

(a) whether Government of Bangladesh has approved the proposal of India for putting fence along the international border between India-Bangladesh;

(b) if so, by when and the length of the fencing to be put in kilometer indicating the starting and ending point of the fencing; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government has approved construction of border fencing over a length of 3436 km. in feasible stretches all along the Indo-Bangladesh border. The work of border fencing is going on. So far, 2734 km. fencing has been completed. The work is scheduled to be completed by March, 2012.

The Indo-Bangladesh border is characterised by hilly terrain, densely forested and reverine areas and thick population exist till zero line (international border). There are many towns and villages and important establishments having huge population till zero line. In these identified patches fencing, which is generally being done at 150 yards, is not possible. As per the preliminary survey done by the Indian Border Guarding Force, there are about 265 patches involving a total length of about 297 km. where fencing may be required to be taken from zero line to 150 yards.

During the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held in November 2009, at New Delhi, the Bangladesh Government had agreed that fencing could be done at or on zero line in a single layer without gates, where fencing is not possible at 150 yards.

Accordingly, joint verification exercises were carried out by border guarding forces of both the countries and fencing has started in few agreed patches. The process is going on.

Induction of Army men into Delhi Police to beef up Commando unit

232. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre plans to include Army men into Delhi Police to strengthen the commando activity to meet the serious situation and emergencies occurring time and again in the capital;

- (b) if so, the salient features of this new plan;
- (c) what is the estimated budget for this plan to be implemented;
- (d) what will be the benefits to the Delhi Police force to tackle emergencies;
- (e) whether this scheme will be taken up by other State police force also; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (f) No Sir. There is no such proposal to include Army Men into Delhi Police.

Induction of women in Delhi Traffic Police

233. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total strength of the Traffic Police network in Delhi to monitor the heavy traffic load in Delhi;
- (b) whether the force is sufficient to manage the regulation off traffic in Delhi;
- (c) whether there is any move to recruit women traffic constables in Delhi to ease the load on the man power;
- (d) if so, what is the total number to be taken in the force and when it is likely to be completed; and
- (e) what is the rate of accidents in Delhi and what steps are being taken to check and control fatal accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Sir, the total strength of the Traffic Police network in Delhi to monitor the heavy traffic load in Delhi is 5634. The force m being augmented with 1000 additional posts after the completion of the Commonwealth Games 2010.

(c) and (d) At present there is no specific proposal to recruit women traffic constables in Delhi Police. However, the Government has instructed the Delhi Police to ensure that 15% of recruitment should be for women.