

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether fencing work along Bangladesh border has since been resumed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when this fencing work is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) The construction of border fencing work on stretches, totaling about 300 kms, falling within 150 yards from international border has been temporarily suspended due to objections raised by the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR). On other stretches, fencing work is continuing and 2078 Kms. Out of 3286 Kms, of fence has been completed. The work on remaining portion is continuing and is expected to be completed by Dec. 2006

Fake currency notes

†3100. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fake currency notes are being sent to India *via* Bangladesh;
- (b) whether there is connivance of Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles in this work; and
- (c) whether Bangladesh has refuted the news regarding fake currency notes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Fake Indian Currency has been seized by Border Security Force (BSF) on Indo-Bangladesh border in five separate incidents during the year 2005. However, no incident of connivance of BSF and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel relating to smuggling of fake currency notes from Bangladesh to India has come to notice. The matter has been taken up in various bilateral fora with Bangladesh authorities who have generally denied any smuggling of fake currency notes from Bangladesh into India.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.