

Replacement of fencing work on Indo-Bangladesh border

1904. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the fencing work completed under Phase-I of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing is now being replaced under Phase-III of the project;
- (b) if so, the time period within which fencing work needed to be replaced;
- (c) the reasons that fencing work required replacement so soon after completion; and
- (d) the cost of each phase of fencing, including replacement work in Phase-III?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) and (b) In the year 2006, the Government had sanctioned phase-III project for replacement of fence constructed under Phase-I. The Phase-III project is closed with effect from March, 2012.

(c) Under Phase-I, single row fence was constructed during 1986-2000. Later, it was observed that in many places the fencing constructed under Phase-I had exceeded its normal life and had become dilapidated due to weather conditions, rains, floods etc. Accordingly, it was decided to replace the Phase-I fence with improved design for better security of Indo-Bangladesh border.

(d) Under Phase-I and II, cost of fence was approved along with border roads. The cost of each Phase of fencing is as follows:-

Phase	Works	Cost approved
Phase-I	Border Roads and Fence	₹1049.36 crore
Phase-II	Border Roads and Fence	₹ 4405.00 crore
Phase-III	Fence	₹ 884.00 crore

Coastal Security Scheme

1905. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposal of Government regarding coastal security scheme;
- (b) the amount and items sanctioned by Government;