

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1424**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019/ MAGHA 23, 1940 (SAKA)

FENCING ON INDO PAK BORDER

1424. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that out of the total 512 km of land border of Gujarat with hostile neighbour Pakistan, only 340 kms length has been sanctioned for fencing and out of that work on only 262.7 km has been completed;

(b) whether the remaining 262.7 km area is very sensitive and needs urgent fencing and despite the talks/ correspondence being regularly held since April, 2012 between the State Government of Gujarat and the Ministry of Home Affairs, no action has been taken to complete the remaining fencing work;

(c) whether the Government is concerned with incidents in the past of so many cases of smuggling of weapons/ contrabands as well as infiltration of anti-nationals;

(d) if so, the action being taken to fence the remaining border areas urgently; and

(e) the time by which the fencing of 512 km Gujarat border is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

(a) to (e): The total length of India-Pakistan border in Gujarat is 508 kms, out of which 340 kms only are feasible for construction of physical fencing. 280 kms of physical fencing has been completed and the target for completion of remaining 60 kms is March 2020. The 168 kms of border which is not feasible for physical fencing is being guarded by BSF through patrolling, round the clock surveillance, laying nakas and using technology etc. No infiltration has been reported from 2015 till date in this sector. The contraband activity /smuggling of weapons are also being controlled through effective domination of borders by round the clock surveillance viz., patrolling, laying nakas, manning observation posts all along the International border.
