

MANAGEMENT OF INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER

India shares 4096.7 Km of its land border with Bangladesh. West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram are the States which share the border with Bangladesh. The State-wise length of the borders is as under:

(Length in Km)

State	Total length
West Bengal	2216.70
Assam	263.00
Meghalaya	443.00
Tripura	856.00
Mizoram	318.00
TOTAL	4096.70

The entire stretch consists of plain, riverine, hilly/jungle and with hardly any natural obstacles. The area is heavily populated, and at many stretches the cultivation is carried out till the last inch of the border.

Border Out Posts

BSF is presently manning 802 existing Border Out Posts (BOPs) on Indo-Bangladesh border. In pursuance of Group of Ministers recommendations to reduce the inter-BOP distance to 3.5 Km, the Government has approved construction of additional 383 BOPs on this border.

Name of State		Number of BOPs		
		Approved	Already existing	To be established
West Bengal	SB	326	230	96
	NB	307	180	127
Meghalaya		125	108	17
Assam		91	85	06
Tripura		245	181	64
Mizoram		91	18	73
Total		1185	802	383

Increased number of BOPs will help in effective domination of the borders by BSF. **The work is targeted to be completed by 2013-14.**

FENCING

(Length in Km)

Name of State	PHASE-I		PHASE-II	
	Sanctioned	Completed	Sanctioned	Completed
West Bengal	507	507	964.00	724.30

Assam	152.31	149.29	76.72	73.38
Meghalaya	198.06	198.06	264.17	132.07
Tripura	--	--	848.00	777.42
Mizoram	--	--	349.33	222.89
Total	857.37	854.35	2502.22	1930.06

Fencing – Phase – III project (Replacement of fencing constructed under Phase – I)

The fencing works taken up Phase – I have deteriorated due to detrimental weather conditions which has necessitated replacement. The GoI sanctioned a project for replacement of Phase – I fencing over a length of 861 km. The works to the extent of 790 km have been completed (work in 21 km stretch is in progress) barring some portions affected by litigation. 150 yards issue and non-feasible stretches. The balance work has been merged with Phase – II project w.e.f. March 2012, as approved by the Cabinet.

Floodlighting Project

Government of India has also taken up floodlighting works along the IBB for close vigil, particularly in the night hours. A pilot project of floodlighting over a stretch of 277 km has been completed in West Bengal in June 2006. The Government has also sanctioned a project of floodlighting about 2840 km of Indo-Bangladesh border at an estimated cost of Rs. 1327 crore in November 2007. The work has been assigned to Central Public Works Department (CPWD), National Project Construction Corporation (NPCC) and Engineering Projects (I) Limited (EPIL).

The work of floodlighting, as on 31.07.2013, for length of 1535.31 km (West Bengal – 700 km, Assam – 30 km, Mizoram-27.10 km, Meghalaya – 148 km, Tripura – 630.21 km) has been completed and balance work are in progress.

The works were scheduled to be completed by March 2012. However, the works have been spilled over. Accordingly, a CCS note is under process seeking extension of time by another two years for completion of works.