

Ministry of Home Affairs

India Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA)

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Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), 1974 provides for exchange of enclaves between the two countries and it necessitated development and integration of Bangladeshi enclaves in India and addressing issues of rehabilitation of returnees from Indian enclaves in Bangladesh. Government of India sanctioned Rs. 1005.99 crore on 02.12.2015 for rehabilitation and up-gradation of infrastructure, out of which Rs. 898.50 crore is for creation and up-gradation of infrastructure and an amount of Rs. 107.49 crore is for rehabilitation and construction of pucca houses for Indian returnees. The package sanctioned to State Government of West Bengal by Government of India is for a period of five years from 2015-16 to 2019-2020. The scheme fully funded by Government of India is implemented by the State Government of West Bengal. Government of India has sanctioned barbed wire fencing to the extent of 3326.14 km along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Out of this, fencing to the extent of 2731 km has been completed.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir in written reply to a question by Shri Vivek Gupta in the Rajya Sabha today.

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