

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*251**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 /PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)**

**FACILITIES TO FARMERS IN BORDER AREAS**

**\*251. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether measures have been taken or instructions issued to the Border Security Force (BSF) recently regarding easy, hassle free and secure access to the farmers of border areas to their farm lands beyond the barbed wire, especially to the farmers of Punjab frontiers;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government/any of its Departments has received any information/complaints regarding damage to crops beyond the barbed wire by stray animals and if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government/ Department has issued any instructions to BSF/farmers for resolving this issue; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*251 FOR 13.03.2018.**

**(a) & (b): A Standard operating Procedure (SOP) has been put in place by the Border Security Force (BSF) to deal with various issues pertaining to the farmers having cultivable land ahead of Border Security Fence. The salient features of the SOP are:**

**(i) Timings for opening/closing of the Border Fence Gates are finalized in consultation with local farmers, Gram Pradhans and revenue officials.**

**(ii) BSF has issued Identity cards to the farmers.**

**(iii) Women going ahead of fence for cultivation are frisked by Mahila Constables.**

**(iv) BSF provides armed security to the farmers going ahead of Border Fence in addition to the security at the Fence gates.**

**(v) Labourers are also allowed to go ahead of Border Fence after police verification.**

**(vi) Farming machinery and equipment like Tractors/trollies are also allowed for cultivation ahead of the fence after security check.**

**In addition to the above, Field Officers of BSF regularly interact with local villagers/farmers to resolve any issue they might have.**

**(c): No such report has been received.**

**(d) & (e): Does not arise.**

