

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
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Infiltrators using SIM card of Bangladesh based mobile companies

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

(a) whether the infiltrators from across the Bangladesh border adjoining the territory of district Malda of West Bengal are using the SIM cards of Bangladesh based mobile companies to execute their activities like terrorism and smuggling and these SIMs remain untraceable by security forces;

(b) if so, whether the local administration and Border Security Force have been engaged in consultation in this regard to prevent such a phenomenon; and

(c) if so, details thereof and measures being adopted by Government to jam the Bangladeshi mobile network?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Border Security Force (BSF) has seized various items and apprehended number of smugglers. In some cases, mobile phones alongwith Bangladesh SIM cards were also recovered from the possession of apprehended smugglers. These SIM Cards are handed over to Police for further necessary action.

(c): The spillage of telecom signals across borders is taken up at bilateral and multilateral forums as per the relevant provision of Constitution of International Telecommunication Union, a specialized agency of United Nations on Telecommunication.
