

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MILITANTS HIDEOUTS IN BANGLADESH
SAMAR CHOUDHURY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken up with Bangladesh the issue of militants' hideouts inside their land along the Indo-Bangla border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Presence of anti-India militant groups and training camps inside Bangladesh is one of the security-related issues which the Government of India has regularly taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at different levels through diplomatic channels and the institutional mechanisms existing between the two countries. The subject was discussed most recently during the India - Bangladesh Home Secretary-level talks held in New Delhi in April 2000. The Bangladesh side assured the Indian side that they would not allow undesirable elements to use Bangladesh territory for activities prejudicial to the security interests of India.