

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2029  
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INFILTRATION IN SIKKIM  
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

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

- (a) whether with a view to ensure security in Sikkim the Government propose to issue National Photo Identity Cards to all the residents of Sikkim before resumption of trade between Sikkim and China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether after opening of Nathula Pass, there is an apprehension of infiltration of people through West Bengal and also from Nepal and Bhutan in the State of Sikkim on the pretext of trade;
- (d) if so, the steps proposed by the Government of Sikkim;
- (e) whether the Union Government propose to take up these proposals of Sikkim Government;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, other measures being taken to curb infiltration in Sikkim?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)to(g): No proposal specific to prevention of infiltration through the Nathula Pass after operationalisation of trade through this route has been received from the Government of Sikkim. However, the Government of India has taken several steps including augmentation of troops at border outposts, use of night vision devices, undertaking mbile patrolling etc to check infiltration.