

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2065
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2003
TRAINING TO INSURGENTS BY BANGLADESH
RAMDAS ATHAWALE;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has given a special training to the insurgents of North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether ULFA leaders and other militant group leaders have been provided cellular phone from Bangladesh to contact criminals in India;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the talk?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A number of reports have been received of activities and camps of Indian Insurgent groups inside the Bangladesh. This matter had been raised with the Government of Bangladesh a number of times at all levels. The matter was also raised by the Government of India in the meeting of Joint Working Group between India and Bangladesh held in January 2003. Specific information on location of camps had also been provided during the meetings between the Director Generals of Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles. The Bangladesh Government continues to reaffirm its commitment not to allow activities in Bangladesh prejudicial to the interests of India and to deny the existence of these groups in the Country.