

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1705  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006  
RURAL MOBILE PHONE SCHEME OF BANGLADESH  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether internal security of India is getting affected due to Bangladesh Mobile rural Phone Call Scheme as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated January 6, 2006;
- (b) if so, the length in kilometers upto which signals of Bangladeshi phones are available inside the Indian territory;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government of Bangladesh thereto;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to install jammers along the border; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the government in this regard?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) & (b): The anti national elements, smugglers and other miscreants active along both sides of the Indo-Bangladesh Border use the Bangladesh mobile rural phone service. These signals are available on the Indian side in places upto several kilometers, depending upon the terrain of the area.
- (c) & (d): This matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh, in December, 2005. The Government of Bangladesh has not yet responded in this regard.
- (e): No, sir.
- (f): Does Not arise.