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Title : Reported smuggling of cough syrup to Dhaka.

SHRIMATI MINATI SEN (JALPAIGURI): Sir, Phensedyl cough linctus is a banned drug in Bangladesh. According to a news report published in `The Times of India' on 16th of November, thirty million bottles of Phensedyl were sold in Bangladesh at Rs. 300 per bottle. Phensedyl contains opiates and alcohol as its constituents. While a part of the money earned out of selling this drug returns to the agents in India through the *hawala* route, a large amount of money is reported to be paid in kind, that is, in the form of arms from Bangladesh and are passed on to the insurgents in the North East at a premium price.

This drug is now routed through States like Jharkhand and Bihar. The company and the distributors fail to comply with the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules of 1945.

I would like to urge upon the Government to take necessary steps and appropriate measures in the matter.