

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3297**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01ST JANUARY, 2019 / PAUSHA 11, 1940 (SAKA)

BSF PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SPYING

3297. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many cases, a number of BSF personnel were found involved in spying for Pakistan's ISI as well as illegal activities in bordering areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases unearthed during the last two years;

(c) whether the BSF has been asked to bring discipline among its cadre to prevent such activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) & (b): There were only two cases of espionage/spying by BSF personnel during the last two years. Details of the cases are as under:-

(i) No. 120717673 Constable Sheikh Riyajoddin @ Sonu of 29 Bn BSF, D T Mal (Ferozpur Sector) was arrested by State Police on 01 November 2018, as he was found in contact with Pak Intelligence Organizations (PIOs) through the social media.

(ii) No.06444206 Constable Achyutanand Mishra of 120 Bn BSF was arrested by ATS UP Police Noida on 18 Sep 2018 at Sector- 18 Noida (UP) as he was found in contact with Pak Intelligence Organizations (PIOs) through the social media.

(c) & (d): In order to bring discipline among the troops and prevent such instances, the following measures are being taken:-

i. Instructions regarding do's and don'ts about use of the social media have been issued to all field formations.

ii. Commanders at all levels are regularly educating the troops under their command against the use of the social media by Pak Intelligence Operation with the aim to trap Jawans in their nefarious designs.

iii. Troops are being constantly trained and educated to establish identity of the caller whenever a call from an unidentified number or person is received at personal as well as official telephone.

iv. Troops are also being educated and sensitized about the use of women in honey trapping of force personnel on the social media as well as through telephone conversation.

v. Commanders are regularly briefing the troops under command about do's and don'ts of social media through Sainik Sammelans and during visits to the border positions.
