

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE AS TERROR TOOL

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

(a) whether the availability of Chinese Mobile Phone handsets without any International Mobile Station Equipment Identities (IMEI) number and fake addresses by mobile subscribers are becoming the new terror tools;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government including issuing of guidelines to the Department of Telecom in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Use of Chinese Mobile Phone handsets which do not display International Mobile Station Equipment Identities (IMEI) number and those obtained on fake addresses have serious security implications.DoT has directed all the Access Service Providers to make provision of Equipment Identity Registry (EIR) so that calls without International Mobile Equipments Identity (IMEI) or Electronic Serial Number (ESN) or that with IMEI or ESN with all zeros are not processed and rejected.