

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESTORATION OF MILITARY AID TO NEPAL

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether talks have been held between India and Nepal regarding restoration of military aid to that country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the outcome thereof and;
- (d) the details of aid/assistance likely to be provided to Nepal thereafter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) The issue of military supplies to Nepal remains under continuous review taking into account the evolving situation in that country. Following the lifting of the Emergency in Nepal on April 29, 2005 and the release of several political party leaders and activists, Government of India has released some of the non-lethal supplies in the pipeline. The GOI decision has been communicated to the King along with our expectations that HMGN should take further and early steps towards the lifting of curbs on civil liberties and restoration of multi-party democracy in Nepal.