

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SITUATION IN NEPAL

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has expressed concern over the situation in Nepal where Maoist violence has increased and rallies by political parties have been banned;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian envoy to Nepal has recently informed the Government regarding 'fluid situation' in the Himalayan Kingdom;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) whether China and Pakistan have agreed for arms supply to Nepal in the face of India's refusal to do so; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by India for bringing about peace in Nepal?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Government has on a number of occasions expressed concern over developments in Nepal.
- (b) Government regularly receives assessment on the situation in Nepal from its Mission in Kathmandu.
- (c) The Government has consistently maintained that there is no purely military solution to the challenges facing Nepal, including the Maoist insurgency. The grave challenges facing Nepal demand the initiation of a genuine process of national reconciliation, dialogue and participation, which can facilitate a peaceful political settlement that contributes to political stability and economic prosperity of Nepal.
- (d) Government is aware that Nepal has received certain quantities of arm supplies, lethal and non-lethal, from third country sources, including China and Pakistan.
- (e) As a close and friendly neighbour of Nepal, India wishes to see an early return to peace, stability and development in Nepal. In this context, the Government has, on the one hand, urged the constitutional forces in Nepal to work together to achieve peace and stability in the country, and on the other hand, called upon the Maoists to abandon the path of violence, accept the discipline of multiparty democracy and work for a political settlement.