## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4007 ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006 PAK CHINESE CONSULATES ALONG INDO NEPAL BORDER Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether the Nepal King has allowed China and Pakistan to open consulates along the Indo-Nepal border;
- (b) if so, whether protest has been lodged by the Union Government in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Nepal thereto?

## **Answer**

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

(a)-(c) Government of India has seen reports in the media suggesting the possibility of China and Pakistan opening their Consulates in the areas bordering India. However, no concrete information regarding such proposals has come to the notice of the Government. Government remains alert to all developments affecting India's national security interests.