

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF BUSINESS BY INDIANS IN NEPAL

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to recent political developments in Nepal, many Indian businessmen are forced to close their business in that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken this issue with the Government of Nepal; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(d) In the ongoing political transition in Nepal, there have been incidents relating to extortion and intimidation that have affected business enterprises including some Indian businesses and joint ventures. These issues have been taken up with the Government of Nepal, including at the highest levels. Following the Constituent Assembly elections, the new Government of Nepal has expressed its willingness to take further measures for the promotion of an investor friendly, enabling business environment to encourage Indian public and private sector investments in Nepal.