GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:21 ANSWERED ON:02.03.2005 EXTRADITION TRETY WITH NEPAL Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with Nepal for an Extradition Treaty in the wake of increasing terrorism on Indo-Nepal border by Maoists and others including ISI;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the response of the Nepalese Government thereto;

(d) the time by when such a treaty is likely to be finalized;

(e) whether a large number of Indians in Nepal have lost their factories and other properties due to Maoist attacks;

(f) if so, whether the Union Government has demanded compensation from Nepal; and

(g) if so, the reaction of Nepal Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE ANSWER TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21, TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2005 ON `EXTRADITION TREATY WITH NEPAL`

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The text of the new Extradition Treaty between Nepal and India was finalized during Home Secretary -level talks on January 19-20, 2005. The Treaty would enter into force following signature and ratification by the two Governments. The new Extradition Treaty would significantly strengthen the bilateral legal framework for combating crime and terrorism.

(e), (f) & (g): There have been some violent attacks by Maoists in which Indian property and vehicles have suffered damage. It is our understanding that in such cases, the affected parties would approach the concerned authorities for appropriate compensation. The Government of India has not made any demand for compensation from His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN).

Government of India strongly condemns such incidents and holds the Maoists responsible. We are keeping a close watch on the situation and are in touch with His Majesty's Government of Nepal, who have assured us of necessary measures to provide security for Indian interests.