

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NEPAL
Adityanath Shri Yogi

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recent political changes in Nepal are likely to have any impact on the bilateral relations with Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the incidents of anti-India activities taking place in Nepal have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a)&(b) India and Nepal share close and friendly political, economic, cultural and social ties, which are unique and have stood the test of time. We have congratulated Mr Madhav Nepal on his election as the Prime Minister of Nepal and have conveyed our commitment to further strengthen ties and to support Nepal in any manner and to the extent it wants us to. During the visit of Foreign Secretary to Nepal on June 20-21, 2009, our commitment was reiterated to the new government of Nepal. Both sides also agreed to take the bilateral relations forward.

(c) to (e) Recently, there have been some media reports in Nepal regarding alleged encroachment of Nepalese territory by India. These have been investigated into, and found to be false. Such incidents have been taken up with the Government of Nepal for necessary action. Strip maps pertaining to 96 % of the Nepal-India boundary have been jointly finalised and initialled. These are to be signed at plenipotentiary level. There are bilateral institutional mechanisms for effective border management, including at district level, to address such concerns. In addition to these, it has also been agreed to establish local level mechanisms during the recent visit of Foreign Secretary to Nepal.