

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH NEPAL
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he visited Nepal recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the details of agreements signed during his visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) Yes. I, along with the Hon'ble Speaker and Finance Minister, visited Nepal on 21-03-2010 to attend the funeral of former Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Girija Prasad Koirala, on behalf of the Government of India.

Earlier, at the invitation of the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Nepal, I paid an official visit to Nepal from January 15-17, 2010, during which I called on the President of Nepal, the Prime Minister of Nepal and the Speaker of the Constituent Assembly. I also met senior political leaders of Nepal. I held discussions with my counterpart on all aspects of bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest. Both of us expressed satisfaction regarding the age-old, multifaceted relations that exist between India and Nepal and agreed to expand these further. We noted with satisfaction the progress made on the decisions taken during the visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal to India in August 2009. Four Memoranda of Understanding for Government of India's assistance in the construction of Terai roads, construction of a Science Learning Centre, technical assistance for establishment of a Central Depository System (CDS) in Nepal for development of Nepalese financial markets, and electrification of five different Village Development Committees in Nepal were signed during this visit.