

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NEWSPRINT CONSIGNMENT OF NEPAL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there have been allegations by leading Nepalese dailies that India is holding back newsprint consignments at Kolkata Port for a long time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been unusual delay in conducting investigations and releasing the consignments for onward transit to Kathmandu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. On 23 June, 2010, Nepalese publications and audio visual channels belonging to a media group started airing news alleging that Indian custom authorities were holding shipments of newsprint of the media group at the Kolkata port.

(c) & (d): No. Does not arise.