

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL ENVOY'S VISIT TO NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's special envoy visited Nepal recently to break the deadlock in order to complete the peace process;
- (b) if so, the details of the successful outcome of the visit;
- (c) the present position of peace treaty between the two countries; and
- (d) the further steps taken by both the countries in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Special Envoy, Shri Shyam Saran visited Nepal from 4 - 6 August, 2010 to meet with a cross section of Nepalese political leaders and to express India's genuine desire as a neighbour and time-tested friend of Nepal, to see a successful conclusion of the peace process and the drafting of a new Constitution through the building of a consensus among all parties concerned.

(c) & (d) During the visit of Prime Minister of Nepal to India from 18-22 August 2009, the Prime Ministers of India and Nepal directed the respective Foreign Secretaries to discuss the review of the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship and other bilateral agreements with a view to further strengthening the bilateral relationship. The same was reiterated during the visit of the Minister of External Affairs during his visit to Nepal in January, 2010. The discussions are yet to take place. India has expressed readiness to commence discussions on this subject.