GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:306 ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010 ANTI INDIA PROPAGANDA OF NEPALI MEDIA Pal Shri Jagdambika

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seized of the hostile anti-India propaganda by a section of Nepali media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained the motives behind such propaganda;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of Nepal; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government of Nepal thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government is aware of the anti-India propaganda in some sections of the Nepali media. India and Nepal have age-old civilisational ties. At the same time, as an open and free society, Nepal has people of various persuasions, including in the media, whose views on India are sometimes hostile.

(e) & (f) The concerned authorities in Nepal have been sensitised to our concerns in this regard.