

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is concerned about the present relations of India with various neighbouring countries which are not cordial;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that various sectors including trade, tourism, etc. have suffered huge losses due to such incordial relations; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by the Government for having result oriented dialogues and resolving the disputed matter during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) & (b) India's relations with neighbouring countries are cordial, friendly and multifaceted extending to political, economic, cultural and other ties. Where outstanding issues exist, India is committed to resolving these through dialogue.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The relationship with neighbouring countries is a priority in Indian foreign policy. Regular high level visits and frequent contacts at the ministerial and official levels have furthered a mutually beneficial relationship with India's neighbours. India is committed to deepen ties with neighbouring countries and to address outstanding issues through bilateral dialogue based on mutual trust and understanding.