

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN SECRETARY VISIT TO NEPAL
Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's Foreign Secretary visited Nepal in January 2011 to take up bilateral issues with Kathmandu and assess the halted peace process;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of latest assessment of the situation; and
- (d) the extent to which the relations between the two countries have further strengthened as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Foreign Secretary paid an official visit to Nepal from January 18-20, 2011, during which she called on the President of Nepal, the Prime Minister of Nepal, Speaker of the Constituent Assembly, Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Physical Planning & Works and the Foreign Secretary of Nepal. The focus of the meetings was to strengthen the relations between the two countries. The Indian delegation held delegation-level talks with the Nepalese side. The text of the Press Release, spelling out the details of the discussion and incorporating the outcome of the visit is enclosed as an ANNEXURE.