

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TELECOMS' DEAL WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nepal has recently awarded contracts for the next generation telecom network to two Chinese firms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has assessed the security impact in the wake of these contracts to China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government has seen reports that Nepal Doorsanchar Company Ltd. has recently awarded contracts for (i) Fixed Network NGN (Next Generation Network) to M/s Zhongxing Telecommunication Equipment Corporation, and (ii) ILD (International Long Distance) gateway and domestic transit switch to M/s Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.

(c) & (d) The Governments of India and Nepal regularly discuss security related issues at various bilateral mechanisms. Government of Nepal has assured us at the highest level that Nepalese territory will not be allowed to be used for any activity against India.