

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDUCTION OF MAOIST IN NEPAL ARMY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the consensus reached in Nepal to induct Maoists in the Nepal Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government about its impact on India's security?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A 7-Point Agreement was reached on 1 November 2011 among major political parties in Nepal on the integration and rehabilitation of the Maoist combatants. The Agreement provides that a maximum of 6500 Maoist combatants would be integrated in a Directorate of Nepal Army where 65% of the personnel will come from Nepali security agencies while remaining 35% will be Maoists combatants. The Directorate will have the mandate of carrying out development related activities, forest conservation, industrial security and disaster management. The steps taken for the completion of the peace process in Nepal are in accordance with the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) which ended the decade long insurgency in Nepal.

(c) The Government of India has welcomed the Agreement and has congratulated the people and the political parties in Nepal for their commitment to peacefully resolving outstanding issues in a spirit of consensus and for displaying enlightened leadership. India has supported these efforts to pave the way for Nepal's transition to a pluralistic and inclusive multi-party democracy.