

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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AMBASSADOR OF NEPAL  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a post of Ambassador of Nepal to India has been lying vacant for long a time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the likely impact of vacancy of such higher diplomatic post on the bilateral ties between the two countries?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Post of Ambassador of Nepal to India has been lying vacant since August 2011. In the absence of an Ambassador, the Nepalese Embassy in New Delhi is headed by the Charge d'Affaires. Both countries have continued to work together for further consolidating the close and friendly bilateral relations. During the last one year, the official visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal to India and meetings of several bilateral institutional mechanisms took place strengthening our bilateral cooperation with Nepal.