

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increased activities of China in Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether incidents of foreigners entering into India illegally through Nepal have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The geographic contiguity and economic growth of China have translated, in recent years, into growth of China's investment and interaction with Nepal. Government is aware of China's enhanced economic and technological capabilities in execution of projects in developing countries including Nepal. Government closely follows all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
- (c) & (d) The India-Nepal border is an open border allowing free movement of citizens of both countries. There is close cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal on security issues along the India-Nepal border.