GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2805 ANSWERED ON:11.12.2012 ANTI INDIA ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL Hazari Shri Maheshwar

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether anti-India activities are on the rise in the neighbouring country Nepal during the past few years;
- (b) if so, whether the said activities are sponsored by China;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Union Government has set up a Central Registration Agency for the workers and other persons emigrating from Nepal so as to register their details in view of such doubtful activities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) to (c): Government of India is aware of the anti-India sentiments in some sections of the Nepalese polity and society. India attaches the highest importance to its relations with Nepal. There is close cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal on issues of mutual concern. India is assisting Nepal in its socio-economic development in the areas of infrastructure, health, education, community development etc. The Government of Nepal has assured that it would not allow its territory to be used for any activity against India.
- (d) & (e): India and Nepal shares an open border which allows free movement of Indian and Nepalese citizens. A visa-free regime exists between citizens of the two countries.