

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAKISTAN S INVOLVEMENT IN FAKE INDIAN CURRENCY NOTES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Pakistan's involvement in smuggling fake Indian currency notes via Nepal; and
- (b) if so, the diplomatic and other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) India-Nepal border is an open border allowing free movement for citizens of both the countries. There are reports that India-Nepal open border has been misused by unscrupulous elements including Pakistani nationals for smuggling of Fake Indian Currency Notes.

(b) India attaches highest importance to its relations with Nepal. Both countries have tradition of regular high-level visits and extensive people-to-people contacts. India is assisting Nepal in its socio-economic development in areas of education, health, water resources and community development. Security issues of mutual concern are discussed with the Government of Nepal at the existing bilateral mechanisms, including the annual Home Secretary-level talks, the Joint Working Group on Border Management, Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues and the Border Districts Coordination Committee Meetings at the local level. The Government of Nepal has assured that it will not allow its territory to be used for any activity against India.