

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4125  
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2014  
INDIANS ARRESTED IN NEPAL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some Indian nationals have been arrested in Nepal allegedly for trying to smuggle betel-nut; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes.

(b) A group of 20 Indians were detained by local police in Bhadrapur of Jhapa district of Nepal on 29 January 2014 on suspicion of trying to smuggle betel-nut. However, they were released the next day by the local police as the charges were not established.