

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ACTIVITIES OF MONASTERIES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of study centres and Buddhist monasteries have been established in the neighbouring countries like Nepal and Bhutan;
- (b) if so, whether there is any input to suggest that these organisations are involved in anti-India activities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): Bhutan is a Buddhist country and by virtue of this there are several Buddhist monasteries and study centres traditionally operating in Bhutan. There is nothing to suggest that any of these institutions or monasteries is involved in any anti India activities. India and Bhutan enjoy a close partnership, and coordinate regularly in security matters.

Our Mission in Nepal is aware of the presence of foreign study centres and monasteries in Nepal, though no instances of their involvement in anti-India activities has come to notice. While there is no indication of a substantial increase in anti-India activities, Government of India continues to monitor developments in border areas. The Government of Nepal has assured that it will take all necessary steps to curb fundamentalist and anti-India activities and that it will not allow its territory to be used against India.