

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4895  
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INDO NEPAL JOINT COMMISSION  
Venugopal Dr. Ponnusamy

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indo-Nepal joint commission met recently; and
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held, MoUs signed and areas of co-operation decided during the said meeting?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes. The India-Nepal Joint Commission met on 26 July 2014 in Kathmandu.

(b) Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj co-Chaired the third meeting of the Joint Commission along with Mr. Mahendra Bahadur Pandey, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal. The Joint Commission reviewed a range of issues including political and security issues, economic cooperation and infrastructure, trade and transit, power and water resources, culture, education and media. Both sides expressed happiness at the reactivation of the Joint Commission after a gap of 23 years. Both sides also signed an MOU on the installation of 2,700 shallow tube-wells in the Terai region.