

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3776  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

**STATUS OF EPG**

3776. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) formed to review India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship (1950);
- (b) whether any report has been submitted by the EPG in this regard and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the current status and the steps taken by the Governments of India and Nepal following the submission of such a report by EPG?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) & (b) The Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on Nepal-India Relations was constituted in 2016 to look into the totality of India-Nepal relations and suggest measures to further expand and consolidate the close and multifaceted relations between the two countries. The EPG has met nine times since July 2016. The last meeting of the EPG was held in Kathmandu from 29-30 June 2018. The formal submission of the EPG Report to the two Governments is yet to take place.

(c) Does not arise.

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