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Meeting of Nepal-India Joint Commission

The third meeting of the India-Nepal Joint Commission was held in Kathmandu on 26 July 2014. Co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister of India and the Foreign Minister of Nepal, the Joint Commission is a high level bilateral mechanism to comprehensively review India-Nepal relations, in the areas of political and security issues, trade and investment cooperation, water resources and power, connectivity, developmental assistance and education and culture.

India's economic assistance projects in Nepal inter alia include roads, rail links, integrated check posts, flood control measures, logistic assistance such as buses and ambulances, medical assistance programmes, capacity building and training including about 3000 scholarships annually, and nearly 450 small developmental projects spread over almost all the districts of Nepal. Under Lines of Credit, several roads and transmission line projects are ongoing. The Joint Commission reviewed our ongoing assistance projects and agreed to ensure speedy implementation of existing economic assistance programmes, as well as examine any new proposals.

This Information was given by the Minister of state in the Ministry of External Affairs and Overseas Indian Affairs Gen. (Retd.) Dr. V. K. Singh in Rajya Sabha today.

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