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Q NO. †3879 BUILDING OF DHARMASHALA IN NEPAL

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.08.2014

BUILDING OF DHARMASHALA IN NEPAL

†3879. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that the declaration of building a Dharmashala in the premises of Pashupatinath Mandir in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, was made by Government of India in 2002, if so, the details thereof;
- whether the task of getting a Dharmashala built has not been performed by Government of India so far; and
- if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and whether the present Government proposes to get this task performed soon, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for construction of the Nepal-Bharat Maitri Pashupati Dharmashala in Kathmandu was signed between the Government of India (GoI) and Pashupati Area Development Trust (PADT) on March 10, 2004.

After signing of the MOU, the process for appointing a Consultant for preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Dharmashala was initiated and the Consultant was appointed in November 2004. The DPR prepared by the Consultant was examined and shared with PADT in February 2005. The tender for selection of Consultant for construction of the Dharmashala was issued in November 2006 and the Consultant was appointed in July 2007. The design of the Dharmashala building prepared by the

Consultant was submitted to the Kathmandu Metropolitan City Office in November 2007 for permission, which was received on June 30, 2008. During 2008-2011, the project could not be taken up due to several factors including the untoward attack on Indian Priests at Pashupatinath Temple. At the request of PADT in November 2011, Notice Inviting Tenders for pre-qualification of contractors for construction of the Dharmashala at Pashupatinath Temple were published in December 2012 and pre-qualification of contractors completed in June 2014. Financial bids have been invited from the pre-qualified contractors for construction of the Dharmashala.



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