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Q NO.2337 MEETING OF NEPAL-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2014

MEETING OF NEPAL-INDIA JOINT COMMISSION

2337. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any meeting of Nepal-India Joint Commission is scheduled in future to improve Nepal-India relations; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the other core sectors like hydro-power, road etc., where negotiations are being held; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to announce a major economic assistance package for Nepal in the near future, to further strengthen bilateral relations; and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) 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.

(c) 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.



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