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Q NO.*174 REVIVING INDIA-NEPAL JOINT COMMISSION

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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.174
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2014

REVIVING INDIA-NEPAL JOINT COMMISSION

*174. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to revive India-Nepal Joint Commission; and

(b) whether Government signed any agreement in the field of energy and security with Nepal in the last three months and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 REGARDING "REVIVING INDIA-NEPAL JOINT COMMISSION" FOR ANSWER ON 04.12.2014

(a) The India-Nepal Joint Commission was revived after a gap of 23 years, when its third meeting was held in Kathmandu on 25-26 July 2014. The Joint Commission was co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister of India and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal. The Joint Commission reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations including political and security issues, economic cooperation and infrastructure, trade and transit, power and water resources, culture, education and media.

(b) Following agreements in the field of energy and security with Nepal have been signed by Government of India or Indian PSUs in the last three months:

- Agreement on "Electric Power Trade, Cross-Border Transmission Interconnection and Grid Connectivity", signed on 21 October 2014 in Kathmandu by the Power/Energy Secretaries of the two sides. The agreement is an enabling arrangement that will further strengthen cross-border electricity transmission and power trade between India and Nepal.
- Project Development Agreement (PDA) for the 900 MW Arun-III hydropower project, signed on 25 November 2014, between the Indian PSU M/s SJVN and the Investment Board of Nepal.
- Agreement on a Line of Credit of US\$ 1 billion to Government of Nepal, signed on 25 November 2014 in Kathmandu between EXIM Bank of India and Ministry of Finance of Nepal. The Line of Credit will be utilized by the Government of Nepal for hydropower, irrigation and infrastructure projects.
- MOU on the "Establishment of the National Police Academy at Panauti", signed on 25 November 2014 in Kathmandu by Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs of India and Secretary, Ministry of Finance of Nepal. Under the MOU, the National Police Academy of Nepal, which will cater to training of about 400 police officers, will be constructed at Panauti near Kathmandu with assistance from Government of India of about INR 550 crores.



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