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# **Q NO.182 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL**

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## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.182 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL

182. SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the relationship between Nepal and India has deteriorated during the last few months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Nepal and India have taken an initiative to improve their relationship during the recent visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal to the country, if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) India and Nepal share historical and civilizational links and have always maintained close and friendly political, economic, cultural and social ties. The Government of India continues to take all necessary measures to strengthen bilateral relations with Nepal and to safeguard Indian interests. The visit of Prime Minister of Nepal Shri K. P. Oli to India from Februaty 19-24, 2016 has helped in further strengthening the age-old ties between India and Nepal.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Shri Kamal Thapa visited India from 17–19 October 2015 and from 30 November – 2 December 2015. During these visits, he met the Prime Minister, National Security Adviser, Minister of External Affairs, Minister of Home Affairs and Foreign Secretary.

India has always stood for peace, stability and prosperity in Nepal and hopes that the internal political

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issues confronting the country will be resolved through political dialogue and reconciliation. India will continue to extend all assistance in accordance with the aspirations of the people of Nepal, for peace, stability and socio–economic development of the country.

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