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## Q NO.187 EFFECT OF BLOCKADE ON INDO-NEPAL BORDERS

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.187  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

### EFFECT OF BLOCKADE ON INDO-NEPAL BORDERS

187. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after about four and half month's road blockade that crippled Nepal's economy, the Madhesi activists along the border tract have lifted the same, allowing entry of cargo trucks from Indian side;
- (b) whether the blockade had led to strain in the bilateral ties between India and Nepal with the latter accusing India of imposing an unofficial blockade;
- (c) whether with the lifting of the blockade, India hopes to revive its cordial relations with Nepal; and
- (d) whether it would provide a congenial atmosphere for India to receive the Prime Minister of Nepal visiting India in end of February?

### ANSWER

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

(a) Yes. The obstructions at the India–Nepal border were caused due to unrest, protests and demonstrations on the Nepalese side, by sections of their population. Due to the unrest and security problems prevailing then, the movement of cargo vehicles from India to Nepal, and vice versa, was severely affected. As the protesting groups in Nepal have now decided to end their picketing of the border entry/exit points, the movement of cargo vehicles across the border has become normal.

(b) & (c) India has always stood for peace, stability and prosperity in Nepal and hopes that the internal

political 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.

(d) Prime Minister of Nepal Shri K.P. Sharma Oli visited India from 19–24 February 2016.

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