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QUESTION NO.†2797 OPENING OF ROAD AND RAIL LINKS BY CHINA IN NEPAL

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2016

OPENING OF ROAD AND RAIL LINKS BY CHINA IN NEPAL

†2797. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- whether opening of road and rail link by China in Nepal is a matter of concern for India;
- whether it is a fact that with increasing investment by China in Nepal, today India's internal cordial relations with Nepal is faltering and an undue malice is building up in Nepal against our country; and
- whether Government of India is making efforts for restoring its cordial relations with its friend Nepal the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) Government has seen media reports that China plans to extend its rail link to Nepal. Financial and technical details of the proposal have not come to the attention of the Government.

(b) & (c) India is an active development partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects in these countries. India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of the relations of those countries with third countries. Our relations with Nepal have their own natural logic and stand firmly on their own. India's age-old ties with Nepal are unique and special, characterized by an open border based on shared history, geography, culture, close people-to-people ties, mutual security

and close economic linkages.

India is committed to further strengthen and expand India–Nepal cooperation through regular bilateral exchanges and development assistance. India continues 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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