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QUESTION NO.2819 DETERIORATION OF INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2819
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2016

DETERIORATION OF INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS

2819. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the deterioration of Indo-Nepal relations in the recent past; and (b) the measures taken by Government to rectify the unfortunate fall-out in Indo-Nepal relations?

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

(a) & (b) There is no deterioration of India's ties with Nepal. 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. Two-thirds of Nepal's global trade is with India and over 90% of Nepal's third country import-export transit through India. India is committed to further strengthen and expand India-Nepal cooperation through regular bilateral exchanges and development assistance. Our bilateral mechanisms covering the areas of defence and security, trade, power, water resources and border management are meeting regularly besides the India-Nepal Joint Commission which comprehensively reviews the entire gamut of bilateral relations. 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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