### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1055 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017

#### **NEPAL'S MILITARY EXERCISE WITH CHINA**

#### 1055. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Nepal has proposed its first joint military exercise with China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether diplomatic efforts with Nepal have not yielded positive results in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) The Government has seen reports of a proposal to hold joint military exercise between Nepal and China, focusing on counter terrorism and disaster management related issues.
- (c) & (d) India and Nepal have long standing and extensive cooperation in the field of defence, which is mutually beneficial and stands on its own footing. Government is committed to further expanding and deepening of this cooperation.

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