

“China expresses its strong dissatisfaction at the activities of the Indian leaders in the disputed areas”. The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and that it is well established practice in our democratic system that our leaders visit States where elections to Parliament and to the State Assemblies are taking place has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side.

Visit of Nepalese Foreign Minister

792. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border management, encroachments and political mechanism to promote trust and understanding among parties in Nepal has come up for high level discussions during visit of Nepal Foreign Minister to India;

(b) whether two countries have also sought to talks on reviewing India-Nepal friendship treaty and explore ways to bring about early conclusion to joint hydel projects including Pancheswar, Sapta Kosi and Naumure;

(c) if so, outcome of the discussions held;

(d) whether any agreement was reached; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (e) Yes. The Nepalese Foreign Minister Ms. Sujata Koirala visited India from August 10-14, 2009, during which issues of mutual interest, including border management, encroachments and hydel power were discussed. Both sides agreed to resolve border related issues through existing bilateral mechanisms and not allow the open border to be misused. Nepal assured that it will not allow its territory to be used against India. India expressed full support for the successful completion of the peace process and for Nepal's efforts for its economic development. The visit was a preparatory one preceding the visit of the Prime Minister of Nepal, Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, to India from August 18-22, 2009. During Prime Minister of Nepal's visit, the Foreign Secretaries of India and Nepal signed an MoU regarding continuation of Indian grant assistance for the Goitre control programme in Nepal. A Joint Press Statement was also issued during the visit.

Security of high commissions abroad

793. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of attacks on Indian High Commissions in foreign countries, Government proposes to increase security measure at all the Indian missions abroad;