

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS OF TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the border trade with Nepal has suffered a huge loss in crores of rupees after the killing of Nepal King;
- (b) if so, the total estimated loss as a result thereof; (
- (c) whether the normalcy has been restored in the border areas between India and Nepal; and (
- (d) if so, the extent to which the border trade has regained its original position?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : As per media reports, there were some disturbances in Nepal including the areas close to the Indo-Nepal border which might have resulted in a slow down in the commercial transactions across the border. As there is a time lag between the commercial transactions taking place and the figures of trade being compiled by the DGCIS, Kolkata, it is difficult to compare, at this stage, the quantum of flow of trade during this period and the corresponding period in the previous year.

(c) & (d) : Department of Commerce have received no reports to the effect that bilateral trade between India and Nepal is presently not being conducted as it was done prior to the sad recent happening in Nepal.