

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1097
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
ISI'S ANTI-INDIA ACTIVITIES FROM NEPAL
RAMCHANDRA PASWAN;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Government have asked the Government of Nepal to furnish evidence of ISI's anti-India activities being operated from Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response received from the Government of Nepal in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) - (c)

The Government of India have discussed from time to time with the Government of Nepal our concerns about the ISI misusing the Nepalese territory and the open India-Nepal border for activities inimical to India's interest. Reports received by the Government indicate increasing evidence of ISI using Nepal as a staging post for terrorist activities directed against India. The Nepalese Government have been sensitised on this issue.

The Government of Nepal have assured that their territory would not be used for activities inimical to India's interest and have been extending their cooperation to the Government of India in this regard. Measures have been taken to enhance bilateral cooperation, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. The concerned agencies of the two Governments remain in regular touch to coordinate efforts to tackle this problem. There are also bilateral institutional mechanisms, such as the Joint Working Group on Border Management and Home Secretary level talks, which have been evolved to specifically develop cooperation on security matters and to address these concerns. In pursuance of the decisions taken in these meetings, both sides have agreed to jointly coordinate measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal, to prevent misuse of the open India-Nepal border to counter activities directed against India.