

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ANTI-INDIA ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether officials of India and Nepal held any meeting recently;

(b) if so, the issues taken up;

(c) the outcome thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the Nepalese Government have succeeded in checking the movement of ISI agents and anti-India activists at its borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (c) Home Secretary level talks were held in Kathmandu from July 4-7, 2000. At this meeting, the two sides discussed modalities to enhance cooperation in combating activities of terrorists, criminals and other undesirable elements, including along the India-Nepal border. Cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of both the countries and improved management of the India-Nepal border were also discussed.

(d) Efforts have been made by both sides to jointly coordinate measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal, to counter anti-India activities by agencies inimical to India's interests, including the ISI. Shared concern on this matter is evident from the determination expressed by both sides to take urgent necessary steps to control misuse of the open border between the two countries. On their part, the Government of Nepal have assured that their territory would not be used for activities inimical to India's interest.