

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5847
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RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN NEPAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Starred Question No. 21 on March 2, 2005 and state:

- (a) whether the King of Nepal has since indicated his willingness to call off emergency and restore constitutional monarchy and a democratic Government in Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) The King of Nepal has conveyed that he remains committed to constitutional monarchy and multi-party democracy. He has also conveyed that the measures in place since 1 February 2005 are temporary in nature. The emergency in Nepal has since been lifted.

(c) It has been the consistent position of Government of India that a national consensus between constitutional forces, namely political parties and constitutional monarchy is necessary to effectively address the challenges confronting Nepal, including the Maoist insurgency. On its part, India will continue to support all efforts for the restoration of political stability and economic prosperity in Nepal.