

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3154
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2005
ALLEGED REMARK BY NEPALI MINISTER
Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Nepali Minister has allegedly remarked recently about the undue interference of India in the internal matters of Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (d) whether leaders of major political parties of Nepal visited India recently;
- (e) if so, the details of discussions held on the occasion; and
- (f) the names of the Nepali leaders who formed part of the contingent?

Answer

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

- (a)-(c) Government have seen reports in the media attributed to a Nepali Minister of His Majesty's Government of Nepal criticizing the Government of India for its alleged intervention in the internal affairs of Nepal. Government are of the view that such comments and statements do not contribute to the development of friendly relations between India and Nepal.
- (d)-(f) Yes Sir. Mr. G.P. Koirala, President of Nepali Congress and Mr. Madhav Kumar Nepal, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Nepal (UML) accompanied by their party colleagues were among the leaders who visited India most recently during the last few weeks. The two leaders separately called on the Prime Minister and other Members of the Union Council of Ministers, as well as on some leaders of political parties in India during which they apprised them of the current situation in Nepal.