

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:123

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INDIAN ASSISTANCE FOR RESOLVING MAOIST PROBLEM

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Nepal seeking help to resolve the Maoist problem;
- (b) if so, whether the said issue was discussed during the recent visit of our Minister to Nepal; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): All issues of mutual interest and concern, including the problem of Maoist insurgency were discussed during the visit of EAM to Nepal from June 4-5, 2004. The Government of India is committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation in diverse areas, including security related cooperation, with His Majesty's Government of Nepal.