

PRIORITY - I

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 31
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

SHUTTING DOWN OF FIELD OFFICE OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN NEPAL

*31. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has been asked to shut down its field office at Biratnagar in Nepal, set up way back in 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has decided to call back its staff working at the said office and also to demolish it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)**

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 31 REGARDING “SHUTTING DOWN OF FIELD OFFICE OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN NEPAL” FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2018

(a) & (b) The Camp Office of the Embassy of India in Nepal was opened in Biratnagar in September 2008 to deal with the situation arising out of devastating Kosi floods. The purpose for which the Camp Office was opened has been fulfilled. The Government of India therefore decided to close the Camp Office. All services being rendered by the Camp Office have ceased with effect from 01 August 2018. The decision of the Government of India to close the Camp Office with effect from 24 August 2018 has been notified to all the concerned authorities in India and has also been conveyed to the Government of Nepal through diplomatic channels.

(c) & (d) After its closure in August 2018, all the six (06) India-based personnel of the Camp Office have been relocated in Indian Missions abroad and at Headquarters. The Camp Office premises were vacated and the rental contract for leasing the property was terminated.
