

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4496  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017**

**NEPAL-CHINA DEALS**

**4496. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has analysed the impact of Nepal-China deals on India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has discussed this issue with Nepal during Nepalese Prime Minister's visit to India; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)**

**(a) to (d) Government closely follows all developments having a bearing on India's national interests and takes all necessary measures to pursue and safeguard these. India's age-old ties with Nepal are unique and special, characterized by open border and based on shared history, geography, culture, people-to-people relations, and close economic linkages. India's ties with Nepal stand on their own merit. As a close and friendly neighbour, the Government of India has been discussing all issues of mutual interests with the Government of Nepal at different levels. The Government of India remains fully committed to strengthening and deepening its multi-faceted bilateral partnership with the Government and people of Nepal for the mutual benefit and progress of both countries.**

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