# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4190 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018

# POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN NEPAL

### †4190. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the frequent change of Government and political instability in the neighbouring country of Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken by the Government to ensure that the Indians living in border areas are not affected by the same?

### **ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V.K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) In accordance with relevant constitutional provisions and as part of the political transition, Nepal has undergone local body, federal parliament and first-ever provincial elections in the last eleven months. After declaration of election results, a new government in Nepal has been sworn in with Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli as the Prime Minister on 15 February, 2018.

(c) The open border between India and Nepal has facilitated people to people contacts and free movement of citizens of both the countries. A comprehensive institutional bilateral framework is in place to strengthen cross-border cooperation between the two countries. The Government of India is committed to the welfare and safeguarding the interests of Indian nationals living in border areas.

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