

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

BHUTANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT

3739. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a bilateral meeting of Minister of External Affairs was recently concluded with Bhutanese Foreign Minister regarding various issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was discussion to find out the ways to strengthen ties in trade, investment, defence and security between India and Bhutan;
- (d) if so, the outcome of the above said discussion; and
- (e) the key agreements signed during the visit of Bhutanese Foreign Minister?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) to (d) External Affairs Minister met Foreign Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo (Dr.) Tandi Dorji during latter's recent visit to India from 17-23 November 2019. The two leaders held discussions on the entire gamut of India-Bhutan bilateral relations including development partnership, hydro-power, trade and economic cooperation, security, and enhancing connectivity between the two countries. Both sides agreed to work together to further strengthen and deepen our special and multifaceted bilateral ties.
- (e) No agreements / MoUs were signed during the visit.
