

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

642. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether our bilateral relations with neighbouring countries like Nepal, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afganistan and Myanmar has deteriorated recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether China is keeping good relation with any of the above countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken initiating for cordial relations with neighbouring countries of India?

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

(a) No.

(b) to (d) Government accords the highest priority to India's relations with our neighbouring countries. India is an active political and economic partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects, including development projects with these countries. India also has extensive education, culture, trade and investment linkages with neighbouring countries. India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of the relations of those countries with third countries.
