

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

MOUS ON SPECIFIED SKILLED WORKERS

†2157. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the two close neighbour and friends, India and Nepal are working together on various regional platforms like SAARC, BIMSTEC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the countries with which India has signed MoUs of partnership regarding “Specified Skilled Workers”?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH]**

(a) & (b) India-Nepal ties are characterized by friendship and understanding. Both countries have underscored the importance of regional and sub regional cooperation in platforms such as BIMSTEC, SAARC and BBIN.

India remains committed to working with Nepal and other SAARC countries to achieve the objectives laid down in the SAARC Charter including cooperation in areas of common interest. It also works with Nepal in BIMSTEC, along with other BIMSTEC member states, for economic development through identification and implementation of specific cooperation projects. On the BBIN platform India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan seek to cooperate in the areas of management of water resources, power inter-connectivity, transport and infrastructure.

(c) Government entered into a Memorandum of Cooperation on Basic Framework for Partnership for Proper Operation of the System Pertaining to Specified Skilled Workers with the Government of Japan, on 18 January 2021.
