

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1294**

**ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2026**

**INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

**1294. DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P**

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

- (a) whether the relations of India with the neighbouring countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka has recently deteriorated;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has any future plans to improve/revamp ties with these neighbouring countries; 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 KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a to d) The Government keeps a constant watch on developments in the neighbourhood, especially those having a bearing on India's security and national interests. The Government accords the highest priority to India's**

**relations with its neighbours, which are multifaceted and evolve in response to mutual interests, sensitivities and prevailing bilateral, regional and global circumstances.**

**Under the Neighbourhood First Policy and Vision MAHASAGAR, India continues to engage with its neighbouring countries through sustained diplomatic dialogue, development partnerships, people-to-people exchanges, trade, connectivity initiatives and regional mechanisms. The Government remains committed to safeguarding India's security and national interests and promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the region.**

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