

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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ANSWERED ON- 06/02/2026

INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

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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.
