

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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JOINT EXERCISE WITH JAPANESE COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian and Japanese Coast Guard vessels have held joint exercise in the Bay of Bengal recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of vessels from each country took part in the exercise;
- (d) whether such exercises are planned in future also; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): Indo-Japan Joint Coast Guard Exercises were conducted for the first time in Indian waters at/off Chennai from 5th to 9th November, 2000. Visiting Japan Coast Guard vessel PLH Shikishima with Helicopter participated. From the Indian Coast Guard, an Off-Shore Patrol Vessel, In-shore Patrol Vessel, Interceptor Boat, Helicopter and Dornier Aircraft participated. Such joint exercises are expected to be held regularly, in future.