

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5513
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INDO-BANGLADESH NAVAL EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan and Bangladesh Navy forces conducted exercise on April 27, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that neither Bangladesh nor Pakistan informed India as required by the international convention;
- (c) if so, whether it is also a fact that India has taken a strong exception to this and lodged protest with both Pakistan and Bangladesh on this issue; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the two Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (d): In view of the reply at (a) above, the question does not arise.