

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5564
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VISIT TO RUSSIA
CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he had visited Russia recently;
- (b) if so, the purpose of his visit;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed during his visit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any meeting of the experts was held recently regarding military and Technical Cooperation between India and Russia; and
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): Raksha Mantri made an official visit to the Russian Federation from 10-13 April, 2002 on the invitation of the Defence Minister of Russian Federation. During the visit both sides discussed matters relating to defence cooperation and the ways to further strengthen the defence ties between India and Russian Federation.
- (c) No, Sir.
 - (d) Does not arise.
 - (e) No, Sir.
 - (f) Does not arise.