

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO TAJIK DEFENCE PERSONNEL

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has established a permanent base in Tajakistan to train Tajik Defence personnel, service and retrofit Soviet and Russian military equipment and also to teach English to Army and Air Force personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the two countries also agreed to closely exchange information on security issue to have benefit in these matters to effectively curb terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details of the bilateral agreement entered into in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. India has not established any permanent base in Tajikistan to train Tajik defence personnel, service and retrofit Soviet and Russian military equipment. However, India is imparting training in English and computers to Tajik defence personnel.

(c) The two countries have agreed to exchange information on matters relating to international terrorism.

(d) It would not be in the national interest to divulge further details in this context.