

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2761

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002

DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH FRANCE

A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level delegation has participated in annual meeting of the committee for defence cooperation in France;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the areas identified for cooperation; and
- (d) the achievement made regarding cooperation in defence sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During November 2002 the 5th meeting of Indo-French High Committee on Defence Cooperation was held in Paris. The Indian delegation was led by the Defence Secretary. The two sides discussed matters regarding bilateral defence cooperation.

(c) & (d): It would not be in the interest of national security to give details of achievement / areas identified for Indo-French defence cooperation.