

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2839  
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INDO-FRANCE JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN DEFENCE SECTOR  
RAMSHETH THAKUR

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and France have agreed to establish a Forum to encourage joint research and development activities in Defence Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some other agreements between the two countries have also been signed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) to (d): It would not be in the interest of national security to give further details regarding ongoing Indo-French defence cooperation.