

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT COOPERATION WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for joint cooperation between the Naval Forces of India and China in anti-smuggling and anti-piracy issues;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether China has responded in affirmative; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) During the visit of our Prime Minister to China in June, 2003, the possibility of joint naval search & rescue exercises between India & China was agreed to.
- (b) to (d): The details for such exercises have not been worked out as yet.