

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Joint Naval, Air Force and Military exercises taken place between Indian and U.S.A. and India and Germany so far;
- (b) the details therein; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enter into any joint exercise of Indian Army and the Army of Israel?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) While the Armies of India and USA have so far carried out four exercises during 2002 and 2003, the Navies of two countries have participated in six major exercises from 1992 to 2003. The Indian Air Force has participated in five exercises so far during 2002 and 2003 including three exercises involving Armies of two countries. Except for a passage exercise involving Indian and German Naval ships during a port call at Kochi in July 2002, no exercises have been held by the Armed Forces of India with the Armed Forces of Germany.
- (b) It would not be in national interest to divulge specific details in this regard.
- (c) No, Sir.