

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Brazil have signed a wide ranging bilateral defence cooperation agreement recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the areas identified and agreed to by both the countries for co-production and co-development;
- (d) whether any working group has been set up to formulate the defence cooperation between the two countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) An Agreement for cooperation in the field of defence and security between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the Republic of India was concluded on December 1, 2003 in New Delhi.
- (c) The Agreement is an enabling instrument and the cooperative activities in the field of defence are to be progressed through measures such as exchange of visits by delegations to each others` country, staff talks, technical meetings, meetings between concerned defence institutions, participation in each others` training courses, seminars, discussions, visits by naval ships and military aircraft and development of defence industry related technology programmes. The specific areas for cooperative activities between the two sides would be identified after mutual consultations.
- (d) The agreement provides for setting up of a Brazil-India Joint Defence Committee for promotion of smooth implementation of the agreement on cooperation in defence related matters. The Brazil-India Joint Defence Committee has, however, not been set up as yet.
- (e) Does not arise.