

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCHIEF MARSHAL'S VISIT TO FRANCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airchief Marshal visited France recently; and
- (b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held with the French officials during the said visit;

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi visited France during June, 2005.
- (b) During this routine bilateral visit the Chief of Air Staff interacted with the French Chief of Air Staff and visited their operational and training establishments. He also visited Istres Airbase (France) to interact with the ongoing Indo-French Exercise "GARUDA-II".