

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3447  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2005  
VISIT OF BRITISH DEFENCE SECRETARY  
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether British Defence Secretary visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to hold joint exercise with British Forces; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) The Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom (UK) came to India on a visit from October 4-6, 2005.
- (b) During his visit a large number of issues were discussed, including bilateral military to military cooperation and issues of mutual interest, including the global fight against terrorism and disaster management, exchanges and cooperation in the field of high-technology warfare.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Exercise KONKAN – 2006 is scheduled to be held in Western Seaboard during May, 2006 with Royal Navy.