

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1391

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2005

INDO-RUSSIAN JOINT DEFENCE EXERCISE

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

- (a) whether the defence forces of India and Russia conducted a joint exercise to counter terrorism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a great loss was averted during an accident that occurred during Indo-Russia joint defence exercise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details of recommendations made in the inquiry report; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1391 FOR 1.12.2005

The first ever Indo-Russian Airborne exercise INDRA-06 was held at Agra and Mahajan Field Firing Range from 10-19 October 2005. The joint exercise was based on the theme of Counter Terrorist Operations under a United Nations mandate. Indian para troopers and Russian airborne personnel participated in the exercise.

2. The Russian Defence Minister Mr. S.B. Ivanov witnessed the exercise on 16th October 2005. During the course of para-drops, one of the loads dropped from an aircraft landed in the proximity to the grand stand put up for the spectators. This was due to strong upper level winds. No accident occurred during the exercise.