GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:737 ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006 INDO -RUSSIA COOPERATION IN DEFENCE Saradgi Shri Iqbal Ahmed

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Russia Cooperation in Defence has taken big strides during the Prime Minister's visit to Russia in December, 2005;

(b) if so, whether any agreements has been signed between the two countries in the Defence field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The Prime Minister visited Russia in December 2005 and during the visit Indo-Russian bilateral relations including defence cooperation were reviewed at summit level talks.

(b) & (c): The following documents relating to Defence were signed during the visit:-

(i) An agreement between India and Russia on Reciprocal Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the Field of Military Technical Cooperation.

(ii) Protocol proposing amendment to the Agreement on Programme of Military Technical Cooperation between India and Russia till the year 2010.