

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US MILITARY CO-OPERATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India and US have decided to step up their military to military co-operation, hold more bilateral exercises and discuss ways to share information with each other;
- (b) If so, whether an agreement was signed between United States Pacific Command Chief Admiral with Navy Chief Admiral of India in October, 2006 ;
- (c) If so, the salient features thereof; and
- (d) The extent to which the agreement signed between Defence Minister and American counterpart in June, 2005 has been implemented and boosted our military strength?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The agreement signed in June, 2005 provides a framework for Defence relations between two countries for next 10 years. Various events are being executed by both countries in meetings held annually. This has resulted in enhanced interoperability, sharing of experience in combat, peacekeeping operations and disaster management.