

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE CO OPERATION PACT WITH SRI LANKA
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is initiating a defence co-operation pact with Sri Lanka; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): There is no Defence Cooperation Agreement with Sri Lanka. Signing of Defence Cooperation Agreement with a country is decided based on India's strategic and security considerations.