

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT SERVICE DOCTRINE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the three armed services are planning to come out with the first ever joint services doctrine;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether it has been felt by the Navy that there is much happening at sea; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the study of military history, principles of war, combat leadership and application of military power in the Indian scenario, a Joint armed services doctrine broadly covering strategic military aspects is being formulated by the Headquarters of Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS), in consultation with the three Services, with a view to synergize the capabilities of the three Services into an effective force.

(c) The Government monitors and analyses all developments at sea on a continuous basis and takes appropriate measures considered necessary to safeguard our national interest.

(d) It would not be in the national interest to divulge details in this regard.