

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2156
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2004
BILATERAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
Nayak Shri Ananta

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recent bilateral exchanges made between India and China in the field of Defence;
- (b) the proposal mooted by the Government to establish better bilateral relation in that field; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement those proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156 FOR 22.7.2004

Bilateral exchanges in the field of Defence as confidence building measures are a continuing process, aiming to enhance and deepen the mutual understanding and trust between the two nations. Recent exchanges include:

- (i) Joint Exercise by Indian and Chinese Naval ships.
- (ii) Visit of official delegations from both the sides.
- (iii) Regular Flag Meetings and Border Personnel Meetings.
- (iv) Celebration of Festivals/National days of each side during Special Border Personnel Meetings and Flag Meetings.