

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1308

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VISIT OF DEFENCE MINISTER TO USA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Defence had recently visited USA and held discussions with his counterpart on issues of defence procurement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the areas of cooperation agreed to during the discussions?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.A delegation led by Raksha Mantri visited USA between 07-10 September 2008 in response to an invitation extended by Dr.Robert Gates,US Secretary of Defence during his visit to India in February 2008.

(b) During the meeting between RM and Secretary Gates,ongoing defence cooperation matters were discussed.