

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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VISIT OF CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF TO CHINA

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Chief of the Army staff has visited China in the last week of December 2004; and

(b) if so, the issues discussed of and outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas of cooperation discussed during the visit include closer interaction in the fields of counter-terrorism, training exchange programmes, exchange of military delegations and observers for selected military exercises. The discussions focused mainly on building of trust and confidence between the two countries, particularly in the military sphere to ensure peace and tranquility on the borders and to improve the military to military relations between the two Armed Forces. The visit has led to better mutual understanding and cooperation between the two countries, based on the overall commitment to the principles of Panchsheel and mutual respect and sensitivity for each other's concerns.