

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US MILITARY OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the top military officials of USA visited India recently and held talks with their counterparts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main decisions arrived at during the talks and the agreements, if any, signed between the two countries; and
- (d) the extent to which it will be helpful in mutual defence cooperation?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Exchange of visits between senior military officials is a common feature in our bilateral defence cooperation with various countries, including USA. The purpose of such visits is to promote goodwill and understanding between the Indian Armed Forces and those of other friendly foreign countries. As part of such exchanges, some senior military officials from the US have visited India in the last few months. During such visits, discussions are held on various issues of mutual interest and concern. No defence agreements have been signed during any such recent visit.