

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Navy has conducted joint Naval exercise with Brazil and South Africa in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of ships of participant countries;
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the extent to which Indian Navy has been benefitted by the said exercise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The Indian Navy (IN) participated in the trilateral naval exercise, involving the Navies of India, Brazil and South Africa, which was held in South Africa in September, 2010. 11 ships/submarines from these three countries had participated in the exercise.

IN units are deployed annually as part of overseas deployment on regular basis as per an annual approved plan. No specific expenditure sanction is taken for a particular exercise.

Such exercises help in promoting mutual cooperation and inter-operability, and enhancing awareness of the maritime domain. Knowledge gained during such exercises is also helpful for IN's role in ensuring the country's coastal and maritime security.