

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ASEAN SECURITY INITIATIVE
Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has affirmed commitment to the security initiative of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for peace and stability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government represented in its meeting held recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the resolutions passed therein and commitment of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The ASEAN Defence Ministers` Meeting - Plus [ADMM-Plus] has been established with the participation of the 10 ASEAN countries and 8 Dialogue Partners of the ASEAN, of which India is one. Raksha Mantri participated in the inaugural ADMM-Plus held in Vietnam on 12.10.2010. The first ADMM-Plus meeting adopted the Hanoi Joint Declaration at the conclusion of the meeting, which, inter-alia, affirms the intention of all member countries to enhance friendship, mutual trust and confidence through dialogue and exchange and to enhance coordination in areas that can contribute to regional peace and security.