

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-RUSSIA JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has postponed/cancelled joint naval exercise with Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the future action plan for such exercise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Indo-Russia combined exercises named 'INDRA' are conducted once every two years since 2003. The Indian and Russian Navies work out proposals for conduct of the INDRA exercise based on mutually convenient dates. IN had proposed and Russian Navy conveyed their readiness to conduct INDRA 11 off Vladivostok (East Coast of Russia) in February 2011. However due to the situation arising from Tsunami and nuclear radiation disaster in Japan the exercise was postponed. Future action plan will depend on mutual convenience of the two sides.