

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Russia has cancelled joint Naval exercise with the Navy causing huge losses to the Indian side;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Russian authorities in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): 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. Indian Navy (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. Since the Indian ships were on their routine overseas deployment, no losses were incurred. Future action will depend on mutual convenience of the two sides.