

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY EXERCISE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has conducted military exercise Shoor Veer along the western border of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Shoor Veer has been the biggest ever war game in the Thar Desert and involves synergy of Army and Air Force in launching air-land battle; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Indian Army conducted a large scale Exercise Shoor Veer in Suratgarh (Rajasthan) from 20th April, 2012, to 5th May, 2012. Elements of Air Force also participated in the Exercise alongwith Army formations. The Exercise was conducted as a part of periodic training event to practice battle drills and procedure in the designated areas of training.