

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US JOINT EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indo-US Joint Air Exercise was held in Agra recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the types of aircraft used by the Indian Air Force in the Exercise; and
- (c) the names of countries with which such Joint Exercises were undertaken during the last three years and the benefits achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A joint Indo-US exercise was conducted at Air Force Station Agra from 19th October to 23rd October 2009. The United States Air Force participated with C-130, C-17 and C-130 J transport aircraft. The Indian Air Force participated with AN-32, IL-76, Mi-17 and Chetak Aircraft.

(c) During last three years, Indian Air Force had conducted joint exercises with United Kingdom, France, Singapore, United States of America, United Arab Emirates and Oman.

The joint exercises improve operational and training standards of the Indian Air Force by exposure to operational and training patterns of other Air Forces of the world.