

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF ARMY CHIEF TO SRI LANKA
Tagore Shri Manicka

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army Chief proposes to visit Sri Lanka in near future; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the purpose of the said visit?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Chief of Army Staff has been invited to visit Sri Lanka in December 2012. The exchange of high level visits of the Chiefs and other high ranking officers of the Armed Forces is a part of ongoing defence interactions with a number of countries, including Sri Lanka. Such visits are conducted to promote goodwill and confidence building between the Armed Forces of India and the Armed Forces of other countries and serve national interests.