

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:321
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012
DEFENCE TIES WITH MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief of Indian Air Force has recently visited Myanmar and held discussion with his counterpart and other leaders there;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Myanmar to strengthen military ties between the two countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to both the countries as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 321 FOR ANSWER ON 17.12.2012

(a) to (e): Defence cooperation and exchanges with Myanmar are being pursued within the framework of close and friendly relations between both countries. High level exchanges between the Armed Forces of India and Myanmar are a part of the ongoing bilateral defence interactions between both sides. The Chief of Air Staff, in his capacity as Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, visited Myanmar from 26-30 November, 2012. During his visit, he held discussions with his counterpart and other officials and leaders of the Myanmar side on defence and security matters. Bilateral defence cooperation between the Armed Forces of both sides, including in the areas of military education and training, was also discussed. No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Myanmar to strengthen military ties between the two countries.