

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STEERING GROUP OF INDO US FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indo-US air forces steering group meet has started recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed between them;
- (c) whether such meet of air forces steering group in likely to benefit the Indian Air force; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Mechanisms have been established to facilitate staff exchanges between the Armed Forces of India and of other foreign countries, including the USA. Exchanges between the Indian Air Force and US Air Force are conducted through an Executive Steering Group (ESG) which was formed in 1993. The ESG has been meeting regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest. No MoU has been signed between the Air Forces of both sides.