

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and China have agreed to hold their first joint military exercise in five years and to expand exchanges between their armies, navies and air forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this decision was made at the fifth annual defence dialogue held recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which such exercises are useful for the Indian Armed Forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): During the fifth Defence Dialogue held between India and China in January 2013, both sides have agreed to conduct defence exchanges between the Armed Forces of both countries, including the conduct of a joint exercise at a time and location to be mutually decided by both sides. Defence exchanges, including the conduct of joint exercises, are useful to build mutual trust and confidence between the Armed Forces of both sides.