

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the last Indo-US Joint combat aircraft exercise held; and
- (b) the extent to which such exercises proved useful for the Indian Armed Forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) A joint Indo-US Air exercise named 'Cope India 09' was conducted at Air Force Station Agra from 19th October to 23rd October 2009 in which the Indian Air Force (IAF) participated with combat aircraft.
- (b) The joint exercises improve operational and training standards of the IAF by exposure to operational and training patterns of other Air Forces of the world.