

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Indo-US joint Army exercise was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof including the battalions which participated in the exercise;
- (c) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the extent to which the Indian army has been benefited by this exercise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Exercise Yudh Abhyas 09, a joint Exercise between Indian and US Armies was held at Babina, India from 12-29 October, 2009. It involved 01 Mechanized Battalion from the Indian Army side and Combat team involving 325 personnel from the US side.
- (c) The expenditure incurred for the above exercise in Rs. 64 lakhs.
- (d) Such exercises are found to benefit the Indian Army by gaining insights into the psyche, combat readiness, training standards, procedures and technological capabilities of the US Army besides sharing of experience in the fields of peace-keeping operations and disaster management.