

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO AUSTRALIAN JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Australia have agreed to hold a joint Naval exercise in 2015 to raise their defence cooperation initiatives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India is also planning to have joint Naval exercises with several other nations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): India and Australia have agreed to continue bilateral Naval exchanges between Navies of both countries, including working towards a bilateral naval exercise in 2015 in order to build confidence and familiarity between both Navies. Such exercises are planned as per felt need and mutual convenience of both sides.

The government also proposes to hold joint exercises with countries with whom it has relevant agreements.