

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE MINISTER S VISIT TO CHINA .

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indian delegation headed by Defence Minister visited China recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the visit;
- (c) the details of the issues on which both countries have agreed for cooperation;
- (d) whether border issues were also discussed during the said visit; and
- (e) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e): During the discussions, both sides exchanged views on a wide range of issues of defence and security. Both sides agreed to further strengthen efforts to ensure maintenance of peace and tranquility on the border. Both sides also agreed on the importance of enhancing mutual trust and understanding between the Armed Forces of both countries. In this connection, various measures for bilateral exchanges between the Armed Forces of both sides were discussed.