

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA BORDER DEFENCE PACT

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from China for a border defence cooperation pact;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the defence cooperation between both the countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A draft of a Border Defence Cooperation Agreement has been received from the Chinese side. Two rounds of negotiations have been held so far. The purpose of the proposed Agreement is to formalize mechanisms and procedures to enhance mutual trust and confidence between the border troops of India and China and to facilitate the maintenance of peace and tranquility along the border with China.

(c) The ongoing and proposed exchanges between the Armed Forces of India and China include visits at various levels, conduct of exercises, ship visits and training-related exchanges.