

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE CO OPERATION  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has discussed the issues related to defence cooperation with Australian authorities in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether both the countries has agreed to share and help in addressing strategic changes through Defence Collaborations;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken by both the countries for strengthening bilateral relations?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Defence cooperation activities are being conducted with the defence establishments of various countries, including Australia. Ongoing and future proposed defence cooperation activities with Australia include training exchanges, professional interactions between the Armed Forces and conduct of exercises.

Defence cooperation activities with Australia are being undertaken on the basis of mutual interest and convenience.