

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indo-China joint military exercise took place recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to improve military relations with China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The third India-China joint Army exercise was held in China from 4th to 14th November, 2013.

(c) & (d): The Ministries of Defence of India and China signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Exchanges and Cooperation in the field of Defence in May, 2006, which provides for both sides to undertake measures to enhance mutual trust and understanding. In addition, both sides have also concluded various Agreements to maintain peace and tranquillity on the border. Government takes measures to pursue defence exchanges with China in accordance with these agreements and in a manner consistent with national interest.