

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO MYANMAR DEFENCE PACT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Army Chief visited Myanmar recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and future strategy chalked out for better defence cooperation between the two countries;
- (c) whether India has stepped up military aid to Myanmar to check increasing presence of China in that region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the total defence trade in equipment, training and other fields with Myanmar?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Chief of Army Staff visited Myanmar from 30th October – 2nd November 2013. During his visit, he held discussions with his counterpart and other dignitaries and officials on defence and security matters, including on cooperation between the Armies of both sides.

(c) & (d): Requests for defence assistance are received from time to time from friendly foreign countries and are considered keeping in view all aspects of national interest.