

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government holds Indo-US joint military exercises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the last-held Indo-US combat aircraft exercise;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the usefulness of such an exercise to Indian armed forces; and
- (d) if so, the details of the allocations made, expenditure incurred and the benefits accrued due to such exercise during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Two exercises each have been conducted between the Armies and Navies respectively of the two countries in 2013. The last combat aircraft exercise between both sides was conducted in India in October 2009.
- (c) & (d): Exercises with the Armed Forces of foreign countries contribute to goodwill and towards upgrading the skills and capabilities of the Armed Forces. The expenditure on these exercises is met from within the budgets of the Armed Forces.