

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE MINISTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Conference of the Defence Ministers of ASEAN countries was held a few months ago at Brunei;
- (b) if so, whether India participated in the conference;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the significance of the conference and the extent to which India is benefited by the outcome of the conference; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus is an initiative of the ASEAN for evolving an inclusive regional security architecture in the Asia Pacific region. India is one of the non-ASEAN members of the ADMM Plus and is actively participating in the activities of this forum, in pursuit of the policy of cooperation with ASEAN countries so as to contribute to regional peace and security. The second meeting of the ADMM Plus was held at Brunei Darussalam on 29th August 2013 and was attended by the Raksha Rajya Mantri.