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MARITIME DEFENCE EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of joint maritime defence exercise with foreign countries held in last three years along with the aims and objectives of such exercise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to elevate Indo-US maritime defence exercise;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India, US and Japan have agreed on trilateral maritime exercise; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Indian Navy conducts Joint Maritime Defence Exercises with Navies of various countries. The year wise details are as under:-

Year	Total Number of Exercises
2012	16
2013	15
2014	11

The Joint Exercises with foreign Navies are conducted with the objective of enhancing operational skills, sharing professional expertise, developing inter-operability, imbibing best practices and strengthening mutual friendship.

- (b) & (c): Government has agreed to have discussions during bilateral Staff Talks between the two Navies on enhancement in scope of India-US Maritime Exercise MALABAR.

- (d) & (e): Exercise MALABAR is conducted annually with the location alternating between off Indian Coast and the Japanese coast. Presently, Japan is invited when the exercise is conducted off the Japanese coast.