

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-JAPANESE DEFENCE CO-OPERATION  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for enhancement of bilateral defence and security co-operation including in the field of maritime security with Japan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Steps taken by the Government for enhancement of bilateral defence & security co-operation including in the field of maritime security with Japan inter alia include institutionalization and conduct of bilateral maritime exercises between India and Japan in 2012 & 2013, participation of Japan along with the Indian Navy and the US Navy in the Exercise Malabar held in July 2014, conclusion of Memorandum on Defence Cooperation and Exchanges in September 2014 and conduct of the first meeting of the Joint Working Group on Defence Equipment and Technology Cooperation in March 2015.