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Co-operation with Foreign Countries in Defence Sector

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with foreign countries including Germany for co-operation in the defence sector including the supply of modern equipment and technology during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Defence Minister of Germany visited India recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the agreements signed in the defence sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Discussions on bilateral defence cooperation with various friendly foreign countries including Germany are conducted from time to time on the basis of our strategic interest and cover training exchanges, Armed Forces personnel exchanges, joint exercises, exchange of high level visits, joint research & development, supply of modern equipment and technology, etc.

(c) & (d): Dr. Ursula von der Leyen, Defence Minister of Germany visited India from 26-28th May 2015. During the visit, both sides held discussions on issues of mutual interest including cooperation between defence establishments on both sides, participation of Germany under the 'Make in India' initiative in the defence sector and exchanged views on regional security scenario. No agreement was signed during this visit.
