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Indo-Singapore Cooperation in Defence Sector

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Singapore have agreed to cooperate in the defence sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the two countries in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the cooperation is likely to strengthen the preparedness of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): India and Singapore have been cooperating in various areas in the defence sector with the objective of enhancing bilateral defence relations between the two countries and to learn from each others' capabilities and experiences. An Agreement on Defence Co-operation has been signed with Singapore in November, 2015, which has replaced the previous Agreement on Defence Cooperation signed in October, 2003. The salient features of the new Agreement, inter-alia, include regular bilateral Defence Ministers' Dialogue, exchange of high level visits, institutionalized mechanisms of interactions, cooperation in the area of co-production and co-development, maritime security cooperation, joint military training and exercises, cooperation in search and rescue, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.
