

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake joint naval exercises with Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such exercises undertaken with Pakistan and other countries during the last three years and the current year along with the benefits attained as a result thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the programme with other countries also in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) No naval exercise has been conducted with Pakistan during last three years. The naval exercises with foreign countries are conducted to foster mutual confidence and goodwill and details of these exercises conducted during last three years and the current year are as follows:

Year	Number of joint naval exercises
2011	10
2012	10
2013	14

2014 8
(upto 28th July)

(c) & (d): Joint naval exercises are planned as part of structured defence cooperation activities with foreign countries and are scheduled as per mutual convenience.