

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:831

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ACQUISITION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS FROM RUSSIA .

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific agreement or understanding has been reached between the Governments of India and Russia to purchase defence equipments, Naval ships and other items from Russia for India's defence requirements during the recent visit made by Russian President to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the existing co-operation between the two countries in the field of Defence?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): During the visit of President Putin to India on October 2-5, 2000, Agreements on -

(i) Establishment of the Indo-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation;

(ii) Supply of Aircraft Carrier Admiral Gorshkov;

(iii) Transfer of technology and licensed production of SU-30 MKI aircraft to India; and

(iv) Purchase of T-90 Tanks and transfer of technology for their indigenous production; were concluded. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose details of these Agreements.

(c) An Inter-governmental Agreement on long-term Programme of Military Technical Cooperation upto the year 2010 between the two countries exists. Disclosure of details of this Agreement will not be in the interest of national security.