

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY TIES WITH ISRAEL  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether three Indian Warships are likely to visit Israel Port in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to improve military ties between the two countries? ANSWER

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Three Indian Naval Ships viz. INS Shakti, INS Gomati and INS Ranvir have paid goodwill visits at Port of Eilat in Israel in the last week of March, 2000. At present, there is no proposal to send Indian Naval Ships to Israel in the near future.

The goodwill visits by Indian Naval Ships to foreign ports help in enhancing military ties by way of increased Navy to Navy interaction and cooperation between the sides.