

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DEFENCE MINISTER VISIT TO RUSSIA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of Defence visited Russia recently;
- (b) if so, whether several bilateral defence agreements have been concluded with the Government of Russia; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Raksha Mantri visited Russia from 15-16 November 2005 to co-chair the 5th meeting of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC). The Commission reviewed progress of ongoing projects and deliberated on further enhancing the military technical cooperation between the two sides. Protocols of the 5th IRIGC-MTC Working Group on Military Technical Cooperation and the Working Group on Shipbuilding, Aviation and Land Systems were signed. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the on-going level of defence exchanges and cooperation between the two countries. No bilateral agreement was signed with Russia during the visit.