

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT EXERCISES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has decided to hold joint military exercises with other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such exercises held by the three wings of the Armed Forces with other countries during the last three years;
- (d) the main objectives of the Government in holding such exercises and the benefit accrued therefrom;
- (e) whether the Government has done a cost-benefit analysis of these exercises; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1313 FOR 1.12.2005

The number of joint military exercises held with other countries during 2003, 2004 and 2005 (till November 2005) is as follows:-

	2003	2004	2005
Army	4	4	7
Air Force	1	4	2
Navy	8	5	9

The decisions to hold joint exercises with various countries are taken by the Government keeping in view our national interest. The objectives behind holding joint military exercises is to enhance defence cooperation with various countries. While the expenditure in respect of the joint exercises is met out of the allocated annual budget of the Armed Forces, the benefits derived out of these exercises are given below. These exercises provide valuable exposure to the Armed Forces to keep abreast with the latest developments in equipment, technology, warfare tactics, concepts and doctrines relating to military operations, test the military skills of our Armed Forces in relation to others, and promote mutual understanding and cooperation. Successful participation in a joint military exercise helps evaluating our training standards and operational tactics. Joint exercises also provide an opportunity to promote the image of our Armed Forces in an international forum.