

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH PHILIPPINES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Philippines have recently signed an agreement for defence cooperation and security related issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which both countries have agreed to help and cooperate each other in defence related matters?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): The 'Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and Government of the Republic of Philippines concerning Defence Cooperation' was signed during the visit of the President of India to the Philippines in February 2006.
- (c) The Agreement envisages enhanced defence cooperation in various fields for the mutual benefit of India and Philippines.