

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SINGAPORE- INDIA MARITIME BILATERAL EXERCISE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the 13th Simbex (Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercis
- (e) was held at Visakhapatnam; and
- (b) if so, the number of days during which the said exercise was held and the objectives thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The 13th Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise was held from 26th February, 2006 to 8th March, 2006 off the Eastern Seaboard, with the harbour phase of the exercise at Vishakhapatnam. The exercise was conducted with a view to facilitate interaction between the Navies of the two countries to develop inter-operability aimed at addressing common challenges like disaster management, maritime terrorism, etc.