

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:72  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006  
INDO- CHINA DEFENCE TIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Minister of Defence visited China recently;
- (b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between India and China on defence related matters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 FOR ANSWER ON 27.7.2006

Raksha Mantri, Pranab Mukherjee visited China from May 28th to 2nd June, 2006, during which he held discussions with his Chinese counterpart General Cao Gangchuan and had separate meetings with the Chinese Premier H.E. Mr. Wen Jiabo, Vice Chairman of Central Military Commission General Guo Boxiang and Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing. The discussions by the Raksha Mantri with the Chinese defence leadership covered international situation and regional cooperation, India-China relations, defence exchanges and dialogue, boundary question, Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), sharing of information, etc. Raksha Mantri's visit has institutionalized the mechanism of high-level exchanges between India and China in the military field and has contributed to greater mutual understanding on a range of issues and to the enhancement of trust between the two sides. During the visit, the two countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for exchanges and cooperation in the field of defence between India and China. The MoU provides for institutionalized framework for conducting defence exchanges and dialogue, joint military exercises and training, observation of each other's military exercises, structured study tours, training at each other's military academies, participation in seminars, etc.