

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2006
ASIA SECURITY SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of Defence has attended the Asia Security Summit held recently in Singapore; and
- (b) if so, the details of participant countries alongwith the issues discussed and decisions arrived at?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 177 FOR ANSWER ON 3.8.2006

Raksha Mantri attended the 5th Asia Security Summit, 'Shangri-La Dialogue', held in Singapore from 2-4 June 2006, annually organized by the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS).

2. Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, China, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, UK, USA and Vietnam participated in the 5th Asia Security summit.

3. Asia Security Summit is a conference of Defence Ministers, high-level defence military officials, defence/security think-tanks and media of the Asia-Pacific region where views on political and military issues are exchanged.

4. The issues deliberated upon during the Asia Security Summit included the following.

- (a) The United States and Asia's emerging security architecture
- (b) India: A rising Global Player
- (c) Deploying Forces for International Security
- (d) Advancing Maritime Security Cooperation
- (e) The Challenges of Force Modernization
- (f) Counter-Insurgency in the 21st Century
- (g) Setting National Security Priorities
- (h) Constructing a Regional Security Community.