

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US Joint Chief of Staff General visited India; and
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) General Peter Pace, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, United States of America visited India from June 4-7, 2006.

(b) During the visit, discussions were held on enhancing defence cooperation. The meeting reviewed ongoing defence relations and initiatives within the framework of evolving relations between India and the United States. His discussions with Indian interlocutors also centered on the need to sustain and enhance military to military cooperation, security of the Indian Ocean Region, regional security issues, and cross-border terrorism. Ways to enhance training cooperation between the Armed Forces of the two sides were also discussed. Views were also exchanged on the recently concluded Shangri-La Dialogue.