

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether he had visited Germany in September, 2006 ;
- (b) If so, whether any defence co-operation agreement has been signed with Germany; and
- (c) If so, the salient features thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A high level delegation led by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the then Raksha Mantri visited Germany during September 6-7, 2006. During this visit, an agreement was signed on September 6, 2006 between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning Bilateral Defence Co-operation. The salient features of the agreement were

- (i) Establishing of framework for strategic dialogue for the benefit of the armed forces at the level of Defence Secretary / State Secretary of Defence called India-Germany High Defence Committee (HDC) and
- (ii) Establishing framework for Bilateral expert talks by forming sub-groups focusing on "Strategic Defence Co-operation", "Defence Technical Cooperation" and Military to Military Co-operation".