

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1263  
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VISIT OF DEFENCE OFFICERS TO USA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government of USA have invited serving defence officers to visit that country ;
- (b) If so, the purpose of such visit ;
- (c) Whether the naval Chief has raised any objections on such visit; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) : The Government of United States of America (USA) invites serving defence officers of India to visit the USA as part of their IMET programme

(International Military Education and Training) and bilateral defence cooperation programme. Such visits are for the purposes of training and bilateral reciprocal visits.

(c)&(d) : The Chief of Naval Staff had not raised any objections on such visits by defence personnel to the USA.