

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3677  
ANSWERED ON:10.09.2007  
VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MINISTER  
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Australian Defence Minister has recently visited New Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Australian Defence Minister visited India from 10th to 12th July 2007. During his visit the discussions were held on the issues of bilateral interest. An Agreement for the Reciprocal Protection of Exchanged Classified Information of Defence Interest was also signed with Australia during his visit.