

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN VISITS OF ARMY CHIEF

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief of the Army Staff has visited China, France and England in recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the talks held with the said countries and the agreement reached in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief of Army Staff visited China from 21-25 May, 2007, France from 25-27 June, 2007 and England from 28th June to 2nd July, 2007.

(c) During the above visits, the Chief of Army Staff had interaction with senior officers in the Defence Ministry and Armed Forces in the respective countries. The discussions during the meeting focused on enhancement of on-going military-to-military cooperation. Views were also exchanged on areas of common concern such as international terrorism. No agreements were concluded during these visits.