

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of major IAF exercises held during the last three years, location-wise and the purposes thereof ;
- (b) whether the Government has taken adequate precautions to ensure that civil air traffic is not disturbed due to the exercise ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether there is also proposal to undertake more such exercises in various parts of the country in near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Indian Air Force (IAF) has conducted 4 major exercises during the last three years. The exercises were held in the South Western Air Command Area of Operations (AOR), Western Air Command AOR and Eastern Air Command AOR. This however, excludes joint exercises with foreign countries.

The purpose of conducting such exercises is to activate all the available resources under respective Command Headquarters to test their efficacy.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The exercises are organized in consultation with Airports Authority of India/Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(d) & (e): The exercises are planned based on the operational requirement of the IAF.