GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.155 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH NOVEMBER, 2016

JOINT MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISES

*155. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{kk ea=h be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the joint military training exercise conducted with other countries during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether India and Bangladesh has conducted a joint military training exercise SAMPRITI, 2016 recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure involved in the said joint military training exercise with Bangladesh; and

(d) the benefits likely to be achieved on Indian side during such type of joint military exercises with other countries?

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 155 FOR ANSWER ON 25.11.2016

(a) The details on joint military exercises conducted with Friendly Foreign Countries are as under:

| | | | Year |
|-----|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Australia | Ex AUSTRA HIND | 2016 |
| 2. | Bangladesh | Ex SAMPRITI | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 3. | China | Ex HAND IN HAND | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 4. | France | Ex SHAKTI | 2013 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 5. | Indonesia | Ex GARUDA SHAKTI | 2013 |
| | | | 2015 |
| 6. | Kazakhstan | Ex PRABAL DOSTYK | 2016 |
| 7. | Kyrgyzstan | Ex KHANJAR | 2015 |
| 8. | Maldives | Ex EKUVERIN | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| 9. | Mongolia | Ex NOMADIC ELEPHANT | 2013 |
| | | | 2015/1 |
| | | | 2015/2 |
| | | | 2016 |
| | | Ex KHAN QUEST | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 10. | Nepal | Ex SURYA KIRAN (BIANNUAL) | Sept & Oct 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | Feb & March |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | Feb & Nov 2016 |
| 11. | Oman | AL NAGAH (SUCCESS) | 2015 |

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| 12. | Russia | Ex INDRA | 2013 |
|-----|------------|---------------------|------|
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 13. | Seychelles | Ex LAMITIYE | 2013 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 14. | Singapore | Ex AGNI WARRIOR | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| | | Ex BOLD KURUKHESTRA | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| 15. | Sri Lanka | Ex MITRA SHAKTI | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 16. | Thailand | Ex MAITREE | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| | | Ex COBRA GOLD | 2015 |
| | | (Observer Plus) | 2016 |
| 17. | UK | Ex AJEYA WARRIOR | 2013 |
| | | | 2015 |
| 18. | USA | Ex YUDHABHYAS | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| | | Ex SHATRUJEET | 2013 |
| | | Ex VAJRA PRAHAR | 2016 |

Joint Exercises conducted by Navy:

| S. No. | Country | Exercise | Year |
|--------|-----------|----------------|------|
| 1. | Australia | AUSINDEX | 2015 |
| | | KAKADU | 2016 |
| 2. | France | VARUNA | 2015 |
| 3. | Japan | JIMEX | 2013 |
| 4. | Oman | Naseem-al-Bahr | 2013 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 5. | Russia | INDRA NAVY | 2014 |

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| 6. | Singapore | SIMBEX | 2013 |
|----|-----------|--------------------|------|
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| 7. | Sri Lanka | SLINEX | 2013 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | IN-SLN SF Exercise | 2016 |
| 8. | UK | KONKAN | 2013 |
| | | | 2015 |
| 9. | USA | MALABAR | 2013 |
| | | | 2014 |
| | | | 2015 |
| | | | 2016 |
| | | SANGAM | 2013 |

Joint Exercises conducted by Air Force:

| S. No. | Country | Exercise | Year |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|------|
| 1. | France | GARUDA-V | 2014 |
| 2. | Oman | EASTERN BRIDGE-III | 2013 |
| 3. | Russia | Ex AVIAINDRA | 2014 |
| 4. | Singapore | JOINT MILITARY TRAINING (JMT) | 2014 |
| | | JMT | 2015 |
| | | JMT | 2016 |
| 5. | Thailand | Table Top Ex "SIAM BHARAT" | 2016 |
| 6. | UAE | DESERT EAGLE-II | 2016 |
| 7. | UK | INDRADHANUSH -IV | 2015 |
| 8. | USA | Ex RED FLAG | 2016 |

(b) & (c): Joint Military Training Exercise SAMPRITI 2016 was conducted from 5 – 18 November 2016 in Bangladesh. Total 120 personnel from each side participated in the Exercise. 15 officers from each side participated in command post exercise from 5-8 November 2016. One IL-76 aircraft from Indian Air Force was utilized for induction and de-induction of personnel and equipment. The total expenditure for conducting the exercise was Rs.19,32,212/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Only).

(d) Joint military exercises help enhance interoperability with defence forces of friendly foreign countries and in increasing military to military cooperation.
