GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.43

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH NOVEMBER, 2016

DEFENCE AGREEMENTS

*43. DR. BHOLA SINGH: SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed defence agreements with various countries including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with the United States of America (USA);
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the defence technologies are likely to be transferred from USA under the said agreements and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which the agreements are likely to benefit the defence forces of the country?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(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. 43 FOR ANSWER ON 18.11.2016

Yes, Madam. India has signed defence agreements with various countries, including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with the United States of America. These agreements span a range of cooperative activities such as training, military to military cooperation, joint exercises, defence equipment, capacity building. A list of defence cooperation agreements/MoUs etc. with friendly foreign countries signed during 2015 and 2016 is annexed.

Transfer of state of the art defence technologies is an important aspect of bilateral defence cooperation with the United States of America. India and the United States have set up the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) to coordinate and promote such cooperation. Projects for joint development of high technology items have been taken up under DTTI.

Defence agreements are signed with friendly foreign countries to provide a framework for cooperation and with the view to enhance the operational capabilities of our armed forces in a wide-range of areas.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN THE STATEMENT IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 FOR ANSWER ON 18.11.2016

List of Countries with whom India signed Defence Agreements/MoUs etc. during 2015 & 2016

| Sl. No. | Name of the Country | Title of Agreements / MoUs | Date of Signing |
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| 1 | Bangladesh | MoU between ICG and BCG for the Establishment of Collaborative Relationship to Combat Transnational Illegal Activities at Sea and Develop Regional Cooperation | 06.06.2015 |
| 2 | Japan | Agreement concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Military Information | 12.12.2015 |
| 3 | Kazakhstan | Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Defence and Military Technical Cooperation | 08.07.2015 |
| 4 | Kenya | MoU between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kenya on Cooperation in the field of Defence | 11.07.2016 |
| 5 | Kyrgyzstan | Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on Defence Cooperation | 12.07.2015 |
| 6 | Maldives | Action Plan for Defence Cooperation between India and Maldives | 11.04.2016 |
| 7 | Seychelles | (i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles on the Development of facilities on Assumption Island, Seychelles | 11.03.2015 |
| | | (ii) Protocol between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles on Sale of Navigational Charts/Electronic Navigational Charts | 11.03.2015 |
| 8 | Singapore | Agreement between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Republic of Singapore concerning Defence Cooperation | 23.11.2015 |
| 9 | Sudan | Memorandum on Defence Cooperation and Exchanges between the MoD of the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Republic of Sudan | 13.03.2015 |
| 10 | Turkmenistan | Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Turkmenistan on cooperation in the field of defence | 11.07.2015 |
| 11 | USA | (i) New Framework for the India-US Defence Relationship -2015 | 03.06.2015 |

| | | (ii) Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) | 29.08.2016 |
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| 12 | Vietnam | Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Coast Guard in the Republic of India and Vietnam Coast Guard in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for Establishment of Collaborative Relationship to Combat Transnational Crime and Develop Mutual Cooperation | 25.05.2015 |
