

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2933
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND DECEMBER, 2016

OPERATION SURYA KIRAN

2933. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to carry out defence joint exercise with Nepal by the name of Operation Surya Kiran in the near future; and
(b) if so, the details thereof along with its strategic importance for the SAARC region?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) & (b): Joint Army Exercise Surya Kiran with Nepal was held from 31st October to 13th November 2016 in Nepal. The next round of this Exercise will be held in India in 2017. It is one of the largest Exercise India conducts with any nation in the SAARC region. Such exercises help to enhance cooperation with defence forces of friendly foreign countries.
