

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5601
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2017

JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL

5601. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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

- (a) whether India and Nepal conducted a Joint Military Exercise in Pithoragarh recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the name of the Indian battalion and the number of soldiers who participated in the exercise; and
- (d) the amount incurred on the exercise and the benefit that is likely to accrue to India out of this exercise?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Indo-Nepal Battalion Level Combined Training / Exercise (Exercise Surya Kiran-IX) was conducted at Pithoragarh from 07-20 March 2017. A total of 17 officers, 28 Junior Commissioned Officers and 305 Other Ranks from 28 PUNJAB participated in the exercise. A total of Rs. 97,32,640/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only) was incurred on the conduct of exercise. The objective of the exercise was to increase military-to-military cooperation with emphasis on cooperation in the area of Counter Insurgency / Counter Terrorism, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief, Disaster Management Capabilities and effectiveness of any response to Pandemic / Epidemic diseases and Combat Life Survivability between the two countries.
