

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3360

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2017

VISIT OF AIR CHIEF MARSHAL TO FRANCE

3360. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether the Air Chief Marshal visited France recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the main focus of the visit along with the issues discussed during their visit;
- (c) the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed along with the terms and conditions thereto; and
- (d) the details of the military cooperation between India and France at present?

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(a) & (b): The Chief of Air Staff (CAS) visited France from 17-21 July, 2017. The visit focused on strengthening India-France defence cooperation, especially enhanced engagement and interactions between the Indian Air Force and its French counterpart.

(c) No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed during the visit.

(d) India-France defence cooperation is pursued through Ministerial level dialogue and various institutional mechanisms such as annual meetings of High Committee on Defence Cooperation (HCDC) at the level of Defence Secretary, as well as Executive Steering Groups [ESGs] of Army, Navy and Air Force, high level visits, joint exercises, training exchanges etc.
