

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1578  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

MILITARY EXERCISES

1578. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted three major military exercises with the United States, Russia and Japan recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto and the expenditure involved therein;
- (c) the number of troops involved from each country for the said joint military exercises;
- (d) the details of the joint military exercises that are likely to be undertaken with other countries during the next year; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to boost military cooperation with other countries?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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**(a) to (e): A statement is attached.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1578 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2018**

**(a) to (c):** The details of military exercises conducted in 2018 by our armed Forces with the United States, Russia and Japan are as under:

**Joint Exercises conducted by Army:**

S. No.	Country	Name
1	United States	Exercise Yudh Abhyas and Exercise Vajra Prahar
2	Russia	Exercise INDRA
3.	Japan	Exercise Dharma Guardian

**Joint Exercises conducted by Air Force:**

S. No.	Country	Name
1	United States	Exercise Cope India-18
2	Russia	Exercise AVIAINDRA-18
3.	Japan	Exercise Shinyu Maitri

**Joint Exercises conducted by Navy:**

S. No.	Country	Name
1	United States & Japan	Trilateral Exercise MALABAR 2018
2	Russia	Exercise INDRA NAVY 2018
3.	Japan	Exercise JIMEX-2018

In the Exercise Yudh Abhyas with United States, 350 personnel participated from each side. 36 Personnel from Indian Army and 13 from US Army participated in Exercise Vajra Prahar with US. With Russia, 250 personnel participated from both sides in Exercise INDRA. In Exercise Dharma Guardian with Japan 25 personnel participated from each side. In Air Exercise Cope India-18 with US, 202 US Air

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Force personnel participated. In Air Exercise AVIAINDRA-18 with Russia, 30 member delegation participated from both side. In Air Exercise Shinyu Maitri with Japan, 18 aircrew / observes participated. In Naval Exercises, navies of US / Japan / Russia / India participated with relevant naval assets / ships / aircrafts etc.

Our armed forces are represented by various units / troops in such exercises which is decided based on the nature and requirement of specific exercise. The expenditure incurred varies on the magnitude of our participation and assets deployed during such exercises and are met almost entirely from operational budget of the Services. The aims and objectives of these exercises include providing operational exposure to the armed forces, enhance interoperability and undertaking mutual exchange of best practices, special operations tactics and to develop cooperation among the armed forces of participating nations etc. In this process the current tactical and technological practices / techniques etc., are exchanged during such exercises.

(d) & (e): The conduct and planning of such exercises is a continuous process. Relevant steps are taken from time to time to engage friendly countries to enhance the scope of defence cooperation based on the principle of mutual benefit and our own strategic requirements. The countries with which joint military exercises are proposed to be conducted during the next year include Australia, Bangladesh, China, France, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK and USA among others.

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