

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1598

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2018

DEFENCE COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1598. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जेके एच
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Defence has a laid down priority for defence cooperation with the foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is being practically implemented;
- (c) the countries with which there is an agreement or MOU signed for defence cooperation; and
- (d) the number of countries with which military Exercise is being carried out annually?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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- (a) Defence cooperation with foreign countries is taken forward as per mutual interests, with priority on interaction with friendly nations and countries in our near and extended neighbourhood.
- (b) Defence cooperation activities are implemented in various forms including Joint Military Exercises, training courses, Subject-Matter Exchanges on specialised issues, high level visits, defence industry ventures, exchanges on defence technology and Research & Development, as well as Service level Staff Talks.
- (c) Agreements or MoU for defence cooperation has been signed with 68 countries on different aspects of cooperation.
- (d) Bilateral military exercises with over 25 countries were carried out by our defence forces, including the Indian Coast Guard, during the previous year.
