GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1417

TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th November, 2019

HIM VIJAY MILITARY EXERCISE

1417. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

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

- (a) whether Indian Army has conducted major military exercise called Him Vijay recently and if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto and the expenditure involved therein;
- (b) the number of army personnel and the integrated battle groups who participated in the exercise and the benefits likely to be achieved as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to increase joint military exercise of Indian forces with foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of joint military exercises undertaken during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) whether the Government has signed agreements with foreign countries during such exercise and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED OUESTION NO. 1417 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2019

- (a) & (b): The Indian Army Conducts routine military exercises every year. Exercise HIM VIJAY was one such endeavour. It was conducted to validate operational capabilities of our combat formations. Training exercises are conducted from within available resources and funds. The exercise was an all Arms exercise and approximately a Division strength participated.
- (c) & (d): The engagement of our armed forces with foreign countries, including through military exercise, is reviewed from time to time and relevant steps, as required, are taken to engage foreign countries. During the last three years and the current year, about 72 joint exercises were conducted by Army, 39 by Navy, 21 by Air Force and 2 Tri-Service Exercises were conducted.
- (e) No such agreement has been signed with other countries during military exercises.
