

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1768
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2020

SCO DEFENCE MINISTERS MEET IN MOSCOW

1768. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence Minister has attended the Victory Day Parade recently conducted in Russia and also Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers meeting held in Moscow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any meeting with Chinese counterpart was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has signed any bilateral agreement with Russian Government during the visit and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether he also met the Russian Defence Minister and apprised him of the border situation and if so, the reaction of Russian Government thereto?

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Honøble Defence Minister (Raksha Mantri) represented India in the Victory Day parade in Moscow on 24th June, 2020 and also participated in the joint meeting of Defence Ministers from the SCO, CSTO, CIS member countries in Moscow on 4th September, 2020. During the visit for the Victory Day parade, Raksha Mantri had a meeting with the Russian Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Yury Borisov and discussed bilateral defence and defence industrial cooperation as well as regional issues.

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(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Details have been put out in the Government of India press release by Ministry of External Affairs on 5th September, 2020.

(e) & (f): There was no separate bilateral agreement signed with Russian Government during the recent two visits of Raksha Mantri. During bilateral meeting with the Russian Defence Minister, both bilateral and regional issues were discussed with Russia.
