

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.357**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021

**JOINT MARITIME EXERCISE**

357. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

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

- (a) whether India has recently conducted Joint Maritime Exercise with many countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of countries with which such naval exercises were undertaken during the last three years, year-wise along with the aims and objectives thereto and the expenditure involved therein;
- (c) the number of naval persons and naval ships participated in each of the joint naval exercises; and
- (d) the details of such exercises that are likely to be undertaken with other countries in the coming years?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 357 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING 'JOINT MARITIME EXERCISE'.**

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Indian Navy conducts/participates in bilateral/multilateral maritime exercises and coordinated patrols (CORPATS) with friendly foreign countries on a regular basis.

The aim and objective of these exercises include providing operational exposure to our Naval forces, enhance interoperability and undertake 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.

The expenditure incurred varies on the magnitude of our participation and assets deployed during such exercises and are met almost entirely from the budget of the Indian Navy. Our Navy is represented by various units/troops in such exercises which are decided based on the nature and requirement of specific exercise.

The details of Joint Maritime Exercises conducted with foreign countries during the last three years i.e., from the year 2018-19 to 2020-21 are as under:-

Sl. No.	Country	Exercise	Year (s)
1.	ADMM Plus Countries	ADMM Plus Exercise	2019-20
2.	Australia	AUSINDEX	2019-20
		KAKADU	2018-19
		Black Carillon (Multi-lateral)	2019-20
3.	Bangladesh	IN-BN CORPAT (Annual)	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
		IN-BN BILAT (Annual)	2019-20, 2020-21
		IN-BN SF Exercise (Annual)	2019-20
4.	Brazil & South Africa	IBSAMAR	2018-19
5.	France	VARUNA	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
6.	Indonesia	IND-INDO CORPAT (Bi-annual) (Coordinated Patrol)	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
		IND-INDO BILAT	2018-19, 2019-20
7.	IONS	IONS Working Group Exercise (Multilateral)	2019-20
8.	Japan	JIMEX	2018-19, 2020-21
		EOD J2A (Multilateral)	2019-20
9.	Malaysia	IN-RMN BILAT	2019-20
10.	Maldives	Ex EKATHA	2018-19, 2019-20

11.	Myanmar	IMCOR	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
		IN-MN BILAT	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
12.	Oman	Naseem-al-Bahr	2019-20
13.	Qatar	Za'ir Al Bahr	2019-20
14.	Russia	INDRA NAVY	2018-19, 2020-21
15.	Singapore	SIMBEX	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
16.	Singapore & Thailand	India, Singapore, Thailand Trilateral Exercise (SITMEX)	2019-20, 2020-21
17.	Sri Lanka	SLINEX	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
		IN-SLN SF Exercise	2019-20
18.	Thailand	INDO-THAI CORPAT	2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21
19.	UAE	IN-UAEN BILAT	2018-19
20.	UK	KONKAN	2018-19, 2019-20
21	USA	SPITTING COBRA (IN-USN EOD Exercise)	2019-20
		SANGAM(IN-USN SF Exercise)	2019-20
		IMX	2019-20
		CUTLASS Express (Multilateral)	2019-20
		RIMPAC (Multilateral)	2018-19
22.	USA & Japan	MALABAR	2018-19, 2019-20
23.	USA, Japan & Australia	MALABAR	2020-21
24.	Vietnam	IN-VPN BILAT	2018-19, 2019-20
25.	Friendly Foreign Countries	MILAN (Multilateral)	2018-19
26.	Western Pacific Naval Symposium	WPNS Exercise (Multilateral)	2018-19

(d) The conduct and planning of such exercises is a continuous process. The countries with which joint military exercise are proposed to be conducted during the coming year include most of the above countries, and these exercises are under the stage of discussions with respective countries.

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