

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2346**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016

**JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE WITH FRANCE**

2346. SHRI PR SENTHIL NATHAN:

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

- (a) whether India and France have conducted an eight days counter terrorism and counter insurgency bilateral military exercise Shakti-2016 in Rajasthan recently; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)  
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**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Army and French Army jointly conducted the bilateral exercise 'Shakti-2016' in Rajasthan from 07-16 January, 2016. Exercise Shakti is a platoon level, biennial exercise on joint counter terrorism / counter insurgency operations at a tactical level under the United Nations mandate. The exercise is held alternatively in India and France.**

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