

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.184
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 2016

INDO-US JOINT AIR EXERCISE

*184. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force have recently conducted a joint air exercise namely -Ex-Red Flag-16-10 in Alaska;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether IAF has participated in such exercises in the past also, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which Indian contingent has benefited from the said exercise?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 184 FOR ANSWER ON 6.5.2016

The IAF is participating in 'Ex Red Flag 16-1' scheduled from 28th April to 13th May 2016 at Alaska, USA. Four Su-30 MKI, four Jaguars, two x IL-78 aircraft, two C-17 aircraft are participating in the exercise.

Objectives of the exercise are:

- (i) To evaluate capabilities of platforms in a multi sensor environment.
- (ii) Gain experience in complex mission planning and execution.
- (iii) Utilise Hi-end technology available with USAF for realistic training
- (iv) Enhance defence cooperation with USAF.

The details of the air exercises conducted with USAF in past are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Exercise	Year	Location
1.	Cope Thunder-04	2004	Alaska, USA
2.	Cope India-04	2004	Gwalior, India
3.	Cope India-05	2005	Kalikunda, India
4.	Red Flag-08	2008	Nevada, USA
5.	Cope India-09	2009	Agra, India

IAF derives numerous operational lessons by participating in exercises with friendly foreign countries including USA. Participation in such exercises allows IAF to fly against multiple types of platform and evaluate their capability in a realistic scenario. The above exercises have provided exposure to IAF personnel to realistic, combined and composite training in mission planning and execution in a simulated high threat multi emitter combat environment. In IAF pilots through their deployment & participation during the above exercises in actual operations in varied terrain have gained insight into the concept of operations of US Air Force.
