

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2619**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2016/SHRAVANA 11, 1938, (SAKA)**

**SECURITY COOPERATION WITH AFRICA**

**2619. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is stepping up security cooperation with partner countries in Africa;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far;**

**(c) whether the Government has set up Joint Working Groups with different African countries in this regard; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits likely to accrue therefrom?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)**

**(a) to (d) : Yes, Madam. Government of India has been stepping up security cooperation with several partner countries of Africa through bilateral instruments and institutional mechanism like Joint Working Groups in which useful exchange of information in the fields of security takes place and policies and practices of deepening security relations are adopted. The cooperation is being strengthened through capacity building programmes and other mutually beneficial engagements in the areas of security.**

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