

Signing of LEMOA by India and US

1787. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and United States of America have held any delegation-level talks recently to discuss issues of shared strategic interest and the bilateral defence relationship between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and areas so far identified by both the countries for enhanced cooperation in the future; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement *i.e.* Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) signed between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) Delegation level talks were held between Raksha Mantri and US Secretary of Defence on 12th April, 2016 in New Delhi. Both the Ministers reviewed bilateral defence cooperation and agreed on measures to further strengthen the same.

Both sides *inter alia* agreed in principle to conclude a Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement to commence navy to navy discussions on submarine safety and anti-submarine warfare, launch a bilateral maritime security dialogue, and initiate new joint technology projects.

(c) No such Memorandum / Agreement was signed.

Warning about terror attack on army

1788. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that army was warned recently of major terror attack plan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that based on the input received, the army has taken extra care to prevent any untoward incidents, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) Inputs from various intelligence agencies regarding attack on army establishments are received from time to time and adequate counter measures are taken to avert the threat.

Procurement of ammunitions from private industry

1789. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given approval to the private industry for the manufacturing of specialist ammunition;