

military strategy, and of the military organizations and operational concepts supporting such development over the next 20 years.

(b) and (c) India and China have regular defence exchanges at various levels. The two sides have established the Annual Defence and Security Dialogue (ADSD) which is co-chaired by the Defence Secretary on the Indian side. ADSD discusses the whole gamut of bilateral defence relations. It also outlines the annual calendar of defence exchanges between the two sides. 7th ADSD was held in Beijing from 9-11 April, 2015. Under various agreements & MoUs, India and China have agreed that defence cooperation should be carried out in an effective and purposeful manner on the basis of equality, reciprocity, mutual benefit and mutual & equal security. The two sides recognize that the maintenance of peace and tranquility on the borders is an important guarantor for the development and growth of the bilateral relationship between both countries.

Agreement with Tunisia on terrorism

†1208. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Tunisia have entered into an agreement to fight against terrorism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the said agreement is likely to come into force and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) and (b) No. India and Tunisia have not entered into any agreement in fight against terrorism.

Killing of Hindu priests in Bangladesh

1209. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindu priests are being killed in Bangladesh very often;

(b) if so, the number of Hindu priests killed in Bangladesh in the last two years;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue with the Bangladesh authorities; and

(d) if so, whether any assurance has been received from them that no Indian would be harmed in future?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.