

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.662
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2021

MALABAR NAVAL EXERCISES

662 SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to continue the Malabar series of exercises, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has evaluated the scope, impact and geopolitical implications of Malabar series of naval exercises with respect to the present international scenario, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of member nations of 'Quad' participated in the latest Malabar exercise?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Malabar series of exercise began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992. Japan joined the Naval Exercises in 2015. Malabar 2020 saw the participation of the Australian Navy also.
- (b) The Malabar Naval exercises enhanced synergy, interoperability and coordination between the four country navies. The exercises highlights the convergence of views among the participating countries on maritime issues, and their shared commitment to an open, inclusive Indo-Pacific and a rules-based international order.
- (c) The 24th edition of Malabar maritime exercise, hosted by Indian Navy in 2020, witnessed the participation by Indian Navy, United States Navy, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Royal Australian Navy.
