

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1040**  
ANSWERED ON 13/02/2025

**INDIA-SPAIN RELATIONS**

1040. MS. KAVITA PATIDAR  
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome of the meeting of the Minister with the Spanish Defence Minister;
- (b) the specific areas of defence co-operation that are being prioritised in this new phase of collaboration;
- (c) whether the strengthening of defence ties between India and Spain open up the possibility of additional defence procurement agreements or joint ventures in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the specific areas or products that are being considered?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) The External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met the Defence Minister of Spain, Ms Margarita Robles, on [14 January 2025](#), during his official visit to Spain. During the meeting the two ministers took stock of the growing defence partnership between the two countries and exchanged views on regional and global issues. They agreed to further strengthen cooperation in the defence sector.

(b to d) India and Spain have a growing defence partnership.

The Chief of Spanish Airforce Lt. Gen. Francisco Braco Carbo visited India in August 2024 to participate in Exercise Tarang Shakti. Vessels of Indian Navy participate frequently in Passage Exercises and Port Calls in Spanish coasts, the latest being INS Tabar in August 2024 and INS Sindhuratna, INS Tarkash, INS Chennai and INS Sumedha in 2023. The 5<sup>th</sup> India-Spain Defence Joint Working Group took place on 06 February 2025. Both sides are exploring closer collaboration in defence, particularly in technology and armament production areas.

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