

**TALKING POINTS FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF**  
**RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO SRI LANKA (THE DEFENCE SECRETARY)**

1. It is suggested to see the possibility of obtaining an opportunity to gain awareness of the demining equipment and methods adopted in Russia.
2. **Obtain Assistance for Acquiring ICT and Electronic Warfare Equipment.**
  - a. VHF Radios.
  - b. Mobile microwave data and voice transmission equipments.
  - c. Tactical LTE system for rapid deployments.
  - d. EW equipment and accessories:
    - (1) RCIED Jammers.
    - (2) GSM/LTE Monitoring Systems.
    - (3) Mobile EW Platforms.
  - e. Drones for:
    - (1) Employ as EW Jamming platforms.
    - (2) Surveillance.
    - (3) GIS mapping with 3D Imaging.
    - (4) Cover special events.
  - f. Drone Detection and Jamming Systems.
  - g. Coastal surveillance systems.
  - h. Cyber security tools.
  - i. Video mixtures.
  - j. LED video walls (Indoor and outdoor latest gen).
3. **Acquiring of ICT Equipment Projected under Russian Credit Line Facility.** It has been projected the ICT equipment requirement to be purchased under Russian credit lines. Requested to seek the possibility of reactivation of the facility.
4. **Decompression Diving Chamber.** Obtaining a decompression diving chamber for the Special Forces Diving Training School (SFCDTs) to train Reserve Strike Force Combat Platoon, Company and other essential combat units.
5. It is recommended to seek the feasibility of obtaining following items:
  - a. BTR Wheeled APC.
  - b. 7.62 x 54 mm SV -98 Sniper Rifles.
  - c. 7.62 x 54 mm SV -98 Sniper Ammo.
  - d. Tactical Air Defence System (ZU - 23).
  - e. Tactical Air Defence System (ZU - 23) Ammo.
6. It is suggested to seek the feasibility of refurbishing or overhauling current fleet of the Armoured vehicles in the Sri Lanka Army.

7. **Obtain Riot Control Equipment.** Obtain Under mentioned riot control equipment/gears 500 numbers to be distributed among troops engaged in riot control duties:

- a. Gas masks.
- b. Anti-riot helmets.
- c. Transparent shields.
- d. Rubber batons.
- e. Elbow and knee guards.

8. **Communication Equipment and Ammunitions.** Obtaining following requirement to develop communication and also to conduct training for snipers:

- a. Lapua round 185 grains (7.62 x 51 mm) 10,000 Nos to train Snipers.
- b. Communication equipments.

9. **Exchange and Collaboration.** Suggest to seek opportunities to enhance capability and professionalism through following collaborations:

- a. Army to Army collaboration and security cooperation.
- b. Exchange of experience and conduct joint training.

10. **Training and Bi-lateral Cooperation.** Enhance cooperation on knowledge/ technology sharing and obtaining advance training in ICT and Cyber Security domains.

11. Express interest in exchanging expertise between the two countries and discuss the potentiality for joint training in peacekeeping operations, drawing on Russia's experience in this domain.

12. Express interests in training programmes related to the operational, maintain of advanced military equipment, and seek the possibility to discuss the shared concerns regarding counter-terrorism efforts.

13. Discuss the possibility of technical transfer or collaborative research and development projects and to explore ways in which joint training efforts can contribute to the overall stability of the region.

14. It is suggested that to highlight that the important of language training to facilitate better communication between the armed forces of both countries.

15. **Training Assistances Offered by Russian Government From 2015 to 2023**

Ser	Course/Visit & Competitions	Vacs	Duration	
			From	To
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
<b><u>Course</u></b>				
1.	Operation of Rocket and Missile Artillery Ordnance Course	05	07.02.2019	20.04.2019
2.	Radiation Security Course	10	21.02.2019	01.06.2019

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3.	Information Security of Automated System Course	10	15.05.2019	30.06.2019
4.	Information and Analytical Support of National Security/ Intelligence Agencies Activities	01	14.11.2021	27.11.2021
5.	Information And Analytical Support of National Security /Intelligence Agencies Programme	02	04.06.2023	17.06.2023
6.	Training Programme offered by the Federal Security Service (FSB)	01	06.11.2023	18.11.2023
<b><u>Visits/Competitions</u></b>				
7.	Russian Conference on International Security	01	15.04.2015	18.04.2015
8.	Russian International Military - Technical Forum "Army 2015"	01	16.06.2015	19.06.2015
9.	10th International Exhibition of Weapons, Military Equipment and Ammunition	01	09.09.2015	12.09.2015
10.	IX International Integrated Safety and Security (ISSE)	01	17.05.2016	20.05.2016
11.	Russian International Military - Technical Forum Army - 2018	01	21.08.2018	26.08.2018
12.	International Military Music Festival Spasskaya Tower 2018	01	31.08.2018	02.09.2018
13.	Visit of the delegation of SL Army, Corps of Engineers to the International Mine Action Centre of the Russian Army Forces	05	25.06.2019	27.06.2019
14.	International Army Games - 2019 (Chief Referee)	01	03.08.2019	17.08.2019
15.	International Army Games - 2019 (Field Kitchen Competition)	07		
16.	International Army Games - 2019 (Sniper Frontier Competition)	09		
17.	International Army Games - 2019 (Cultural Team)	03		
18.	13 The Senior Workshop on International Rules Governing Military Operations (SWIRMO)	01	06.10.2019	12.10.2019
19.	IX Moscow Conference on International Security	03	22.06.2021	24.06.2021
20.	International Army Game - 2021 (Tactical Shooter)	09	22.08.2021	04.09.2021
21.	International Army Game - 2021 (Sniper Frontier) - Belarus	08		
22.	International Army Games - 2021	12	06.08.2021	06.09.2021
23.	Official Visits to the Russian Federation	04	06.09.2021	10.09.2021
24.	Strategic Command Post Exercise "WEST 2021"	14	10.09.2021	18.09.2021
25.	XI International Meeting of High - Level Officials Responsible for Security Matters	02	22.05.2023	26.05.2023

16. **Bilateral Relationship (Military to Military).**

- a. Military to Military dialogue, physical or virtual, on matters related to military skills enhancement, staff level training for senior and junior levels, training the trainers, bilateral and joint training and sharing of military technologies.
- b. Exchange of military training courses, visits and exercises.

17. **Bilateral Training Assistance.** Under mentioned specialized courses can be offered to the Russian Army:

Ser	Name of the Course	School	Vacancies	Duration	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare Course (72 Days)	ATS (Army Training School) Maduruoya	01 x Vac each for 02 Courses per year	Apr to Aug 2024 Aug to Dec 2024	Captain and Below
2.	Survival, Escape, Evasion and Combat Tracking Course (98 Days)	Special Force Training School Maduruoya	01 x Vac each for 02 Course per year	Apr to Aug 2024 Sep 2024 to Dec 2024	Captain and Below Other Ranks- Sgt and Below
3.	Jungle Warfare Course (32 Days)	Commando Regimental Special Warfare Training School Wedithaltive	01 x Vac each for 02 Courses per year	Feb to Mar 2024 Oct to Nov 2024	Major and Below Other Ranks Sgt and Below

18. **Colombo Defence Seminar.** The ‘Colombo Defence Seminar’ is a provenance of the Sri Lanka Army. Devised as an annual international forum in 2011, the ‘Colombo Defence Seminar’ invariably sets stage for intellectual connectivity amongst those who seek strategic regional, sub-regional and global partnerships through generated discussions by prominent well recognized national and international scholars, diplomats, think tanks etc. In 2019 it was conducted for eight consecutive years. The seminar is expected to be held in future and Russian Army will be invited to attend for the event.

19. **Exercise Cormorant Strike.** Exercise Cormorant Strike is an annual Multilateral Field Training Exercise (FTX) conducted with the participation of the armies of friendly foreign countries, designed to provide an opportunity for Special Forces (Commando and Special Forces Regiments) to exercise troops in special operations. Hence, it is a possibility to participate Russian Army (physical or virtual) to witness the exercise in future.

20. It is advisable to recommend that Russian language courses to be offered to the officers in the Military Intelligence within different time frames to gain language competence and develop intelligence networking.

21. It is recommended to discuss the possibility of acquiring modern firearms/ military equipment/ devices from Russia to Sri Lanka that may facilitate the ground operations of the Sri Lanka Army and also to exchange training opportunities on clandestine equipment/ surveillance equipment/ secure communication systems and counter-measures for the Military Intelligence Officers.

22. The exchange of programs on Specialised Intelligence training between Russia and Sri Lanka will benefit military intelligence related personnel in both armies and Russia may open the avenues for Sri Lankan Military Intelligence officers to take part and complete basic/ intermediate/ advanced intelligence/ collection and analysis training in the context of Russian intelligence setting and Sri Lanka may also provide the Russian military intelligence with required intelligence training subject to conditions/ limitations. Hence, it is recommended to deliberate on the possibility of carrying out exchange programs on intelligence sharing as well as intelligence-related training within different time frames to suit different levels (Possibly under a separate agreement) of training including workshops on intelligence collection/ analysis and analytical writing.

23. Cyber security and Artificial Intelligence are some of the prominent areas that the world community has been paying attention towards at the time of ongoing global crises. As Russia has been considered highly tech systems in their military/ intelligence operations, sharing knowledge on these high-tech equipped systems and platforms will be important in countering a series of man-made and system-generated threats in the region. Hence, it is advisable to make discussions between parties on the possibility of conducting cybersecurity/ AI-related training programs for the Sri Lankan military personnel, especially dedicated Military Intelligence personnel in order to take the initiative on countering high-tech-related crimes in the country.

24. **Training Assistances seek from Russian Government:** Requesting following training areas:

a. Bilateral visits to training establishments and institutions for the exchange of military knowledge and technology.

b. Short duration (Below 05 months) training programmes for the middle grade officers to enhance capabilities/capacities and developed confidence in their respective field. Besides that, training programmes (Below 05 months) for intermediate senior officer to enrich professional knowledge and improve decision making process in their respective field. This courses would consist with following areas with Gratis Basis:

- (1) Infantry Unit/Sub Unit Command and Staff Courses.
- (2) Armour tanks training and armour infantry training
- (3) Intelligence related courses.
- (4) CBRNE/EOD and Counter IED.
- (5) Unit maintainers' course.

25. Under mentioned courses offered from Russian government to Sri Lanka Army in 2023/2024 with gratis Basis. However, it would be better to request return air tickets for all courses.

Ser	Name of the Course	Vacs	Duration	Commence Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	Military Security of the State (With a preparatory Course)	02	20 Months	01.10.2023
2.	Military Security of the State (With an interpreter of the host party)	02	05 Months	01.09.2023
3.	The Commanders (Deputy Commanders, Chief of Staff) of Motorized Infantry Divisions (Brigades) (With an interpreter of the host party)	04	05 Months	01.03.2024
4.	Military Specialists in the control of Military Units and Formations of Army Air Defence Forces (With an interpreter of the host party)	04	03 Months	01.02.2024
5.	Military Physical Training Specialists of Military Units and Subunits (With an interpreter of the host party)	04	02 Months	18.03.2024

26. Sharing of knowledge and experience of Russia in handling military law-related matters will be an important factor in building up a strong platform for long-standing military sustenance and stability in Sri Lanka with amendments to cater to the dynamic changes taking place in the military setting of Sri Lanka. Therefore, it is recommended to organise study visits/ field visits for the Military Intelligence/ other related officers of the Sri Lanka Army in order to study/ understand the modus operandi of the Russian military legal system and its progressive approaches toward performance in the international community as well.

27. Besides defence industry partnerships, technology transfer and joint research projects offer exciting opportunities for collaboration. Russia and Sri Lanka can accelerate their defence capabilities by sharing technological advancements and conducting joint research. This collaboration can pave the way for developing cutting-edge weapons systems, communication networks, clandestine weapons/ systems and other vital defense technologies etc.

28. It is suggested to seek the assistance to conduct sports seminars, workshops, webinars and sports symposiums in order to facilitate with latest trends of the said sports.

29. It is requested to seek the possibility to arrange visits for training sessions/friendly matches and tournaments to motivate and enhance the experience of the Sri Lankan Army players of the said teams.