

A team of senior Defence Ministry officers left New Delhi for Washington in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The team is expected to have discussions with Defence officials in Washington in preparation for the visit of the Defence Minister, Shri Y.B. Chavan, a week later.

The members of the team are: Shri P.V.R. Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Defence; Lt.-Gen. Moti Sagar, Chief of the General Staff, Army Headquarters; Rear Admiral S.M. Nanda, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff; Air Vice-Marshal Arjan Singh, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff; Brig. S.N. Antia, Director of Weapons and Equipment, Army Headquarters; Shri S.J. Shahaney, Director-General of Ordnance Factories; Shri S. Soundararajan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Defence; and Shri S. Guhan, Under Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

It was announced by the Defence Ministry on April 25 that the Defence Minister had accepted an invitation from the United States Secretary for Defence, Mr. Robert McNamara, to visit the United States.

Shri Chavan has also accepted an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom.

He is expected to leave for Washington from Bombay on the morning of May 17. He will stay in the United States until May 29, when he leaves for London reaching there on the morning of May 30.

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