



India-US Mini '2+2' Talks

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India and the U.S. have reviewed the progress of **Industrial Security Annex (ISA)** and the **Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-spatial Cooperation (BECA)** agreements during the recent '2+2' intercession meeting.

- The agreements are significant in the context of **Asia Reassurance Initiative Act (ARIA)**.
- Under ARIA, around **\$1.5 billion in funding will be channeled into improving US ties with partners in the Asian region** in the next five years. Though the Act frames a strategy for the US in Asia, it singles out India as an important military partner.
- The **inaugural 2+2 dialogue between India and U.S.** was held last September.

Industrial Security Annex (ISA)

- ISA agreement allows **sharing of classified information from the US government and US companies with the Indian private sector.**
- Till now, sharing of information was limited to the Indian government and the defence public sector undertakings.
- The ISA will give a **boost to the Indian private sector looking for a greater role in defence manufacturing.**

“Four Foundational Agreements” between the US and its Partners

- **General Security Of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)**
 - GSOMIA allows gathered by them.
 - Signed by India in 2002.
- **Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)**
 - LEMOA allows both countries to **have access to each other's designated military facilities** for refueling and replenishment.
 - Signed by India in 2016.
- **Communications and Information Security Memorandum of Agreement**

(CISMOA)

- COMCASA(Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) is the India specific version of CISMOA.
- Valid for 10 years, COMCASA aims to provide a legal framework for the **transfer of highly sensitive communication security equipment from the US to India** that will streamline and facilitate interoperability between their armed forces.
- Signed by India in 2018.
- **Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA)**
 - BECA will allow India and US to share geospatial and satellite data with each other.
 - India has not signed BECA yet.