

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5973
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SPECIAL TASK FORCE OF COAST GUARDS
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in `Dainik Navbharat`, Mumbai edition dated March 24, 2000 under the caption `Clinton Yatra Ke Maddhenajar Thane Jile Ki Samudri Seema Sil`;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to set up a special Coast Guard Task Force for round the clock vigilance in view of the sensitiveness of these coastal areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such a Coast Guard Task Force is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Coast Guard ships were deployed off Mumbai to provide seaward security to the visiting President of the United States of America.
- (c) & (d): There is no proposal to set up a special Coast Guard Task Force for the vigilance of coastal areas. The Coast Guard ships and aircraft carry out regular patrol of maritime zones of India and make regular surveillance of the coastal areas and the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone.