

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1746  
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SECURITY THREAT AT SEA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Coast Guard has conveyed to the Government that its force levels are grossly inadequate to protect national interest in India`s maritime zones especially with the increasing security threats at sea and India`s growing sea frontiers;
- (b) if so, the details of other demands made by D.G. Coast Guard; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government on the request made by Coast Guard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Government have reviewed the existing resources and equipment available to the Coast Guard to effectively meet the needs of its maritime operations and new challenges. Appropriate equipment and funds will be made available to the Coast Guard to meet its operational commitments.