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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether International Maritime Search and Rescue Conference was held in Chennai recently;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries who were participated in the conference;
- (c) the objectives of the conference; and
- (d) the achievement of the conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delegates from 13 maritime nations viz. Australia, China, France, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, UK and USA and six International Organisations viz., Royal National Lifeboat Institute (UK), International Maritime Satellite Organisation (INMARSAT) (London), International Maritime Organisation (London), World Maritime University (Sweden), COSPASSARSAT (London) and Sri Lankan Lifeboat Institute (Colombo) have attended the conference.

(c) The main objectives of the conference were:-

(i) To foster a friendly and Cooperative relationship among maritime states.

(ii) Search & Rescue (SAR) services to all mariners by resource sharing under cooperative programmes.

(iii) To introduce the ship reporting system (INDSAR) for SAR operated by the Indian Coast Guard.

(d) The objectives were broadly achieved.