

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ADVANCED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of ports in which Advanced Surveillance System has been presently introduced and the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to install the same in various ports in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which this system is likely to be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): Various security enhancement measures have been taken by the Major Ports in conformity with International Code for Security of Ships and Port (ISPS) Facilities which came into force on 1st July, 2004. As per the Terms of the Code, ports have developed measures to enhance security of port facilities, ships, persons, cargo etc. taking into account the threat perception to the port facilities. This includes measures like verification of identity, enhanced patrolling, installation of close circuit TVs, intruder alarms etc. All major ports in India are ISPS compliant. To enhance the level of security and surveillance Major Ports of Kolkata, Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru, New Mangalore and Mormugao have also installed Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) which regulates the arrival of vessels in the Port channel and monitors the vessel's real time position.