

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON SEA PIRACY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increasing sea piracy and the series of incidents in the Gulf of Aden, the Government proposes to formulate a policy to get international cooperation to tackle this menace;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take up the matter with the important Navies of the world and seek help of the United Nations peace keeping force so as to secure maritime trade;and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): In view of recent piracy incidents in the Gulf of Aden region, Government has deployed a naval warship in the region. Efforts are being made to have anti-piracy operation under the aegis of the United Nations (UN).

Indian Navy is also in consultation with friendly Navies to have coordinated patrol in this area.