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SATELLITE FOR NAVY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure a dedicated satellite for the Navy to boost its communication network in the coastal areas, including the Gujarat coast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other measures taken to strengthen the coastal security system?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Indian Space Research Organisation to provide a communication network to the Navy, including space based resources.

(c) Government has initiated several measures to strengthen coastal security. An integrated approach has been put in place. The coastal surveillance and patrolling has been enhanced. Joint and operational exercises are taking place on regular basis between Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others to check the effectiveness of the new system. Further, continuous review and monitoring mechanism have been established at different levels and involving various agencies including the State/UT authorities.