

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SAGAR PRAHARI BAL

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create a new Sagar Prahari Bal (SPB) to strengthen maritime security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of equipment to be provided to SPB in this regard; and
- (d) the extent to which SPB will boost the capabilities of Navy in coastal surveillance?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): With a view to strengthening coastal security and surveillance, Government has approved 'Sagar Prahari Bal' (SPB) in the Indian Navy, comprising 1000 personnel with 80 fast attack crafts. SPB is meant for shallow water operations with seaward anti-terrorist patrols for security of naval assets, besides for interception at high speeds and to perform search and rescue operations.