

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF COASTAL SECURITY SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Navy has decided to deploy some warships and also procure small submarines to strengthen coastal security and also to keep a vigil on the coastal boundaries touching the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating schedule of their induction;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to install radars along the coast-line, including the Gujarat Coast, to monitor movement of vessels in the high-sea;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan to strengthen Indian Coast Guard in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Government has accorded top priority to coastal security by way of increased coastal surveillance and deployment of assets of both Navy and Coast Guard. An integrated approach has been put in place. The intelligence-sharing mechanism has been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centres and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Joint and operational exercises are taking place on regular basis between Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police and Customs in order to check the effectiveness of the new systems. Further, procurement of assets and their induction in the Force and augmentation of the Indian Coast Guard, both in terms of assets and manpower, is an important ongoing process. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline is an essential part of this process.