

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6005  
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PATROLLING ALONG TRADE ROUTES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the naval forces deployed for patrolling duties along the important sea trade routes in different regions; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for protecting Indian Vessels worldwide?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government has deployed an Indian Naval warship in the Gulf of Aden for anti-piracy patrols since October, 2008, considering the threat of piracy in the region, which happens to be a major trade route for Indian vessels. Indian Naval warships are also being deployed for various purposes in the Indian Ocean Region where important trade routes are located facilitating protection of Indian vessels.