

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:289

ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010

SAFEGUARDING OF MID-SEA OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS

Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan;Patil Shri Sanjay Dina

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mid-sea oil and gas installations spread across the east coast form vulnerable targets for terrorists;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up any surveillance machinery to safeguard mid-sea oil and gas installations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Government to ensure the security and safety of mid-sea oil and gas installations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT MENTIONED IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.289 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-04-2010 ASKED BY SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR AND SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL ON SAFEGUARDING OF MID SEA OIL AND GAS INSTALLATION

(a) to (d): The Government has designated the Indian Navy as the agency responsible for overall maritime security including coastal security of India. The Indian Navy, the Coast Guards, State Marine Police and other Central and State agencies work in coordination for the coastal security and to deal with threats to vulnerable targets.

The measures instituted in this regard include enhanced surface and air surveillance along with coastal exercises by Indian Navy ships and aircraft along the coast and in all offshore development areas including those on the east coast of India.

OPENNING REMARKS TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.289

In the offshore of eastern coast of India there are five Oil and Gas blocks, which are producing crude oil and natural gas. These are RAVVA oil field, operated by Cairn Energy, PY-3 field operated by Hardy Explorations, PY-1 by HOEC, KG-D6 of Reliance Industries Limited(which includes D1 & D3 gas fields and MA oil field) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation GS15-4 field.

Indian Navy has been designated by Government of India as the agency responsible for overall maritime security including coastal security of India.

The Government is aware of the security threats in the offshore development areas and is taking all possible measures to ensure the safety and security of the offshore oil and gas installations.