

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6181
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2010
SUSPICIOUS BOAT IN INDIAN WATERS
Deora Shri Milind Murlu

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is monitoring the movement of boats and ships in the territorial waters of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any report that a suspicious boat named as Al Salam was spotted off the coast of Diu in the recent past;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government is monitoring the movement of boats and ships in the territorial waters of the country through Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Police, Customs etc. on regular basis. The Indian Coast Guard is additionally designated as the authority responsible for coastal security in territorial waters including areas to be patrolled by Coastal Police. However, the Indian Navy has been designated as the authority responsible for overall maritime security which includes coastal security and offshore security.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. A suspicious boat named 'Al Salam', with Registration No. VRL 3141, was recently spotted by the local fishermen near Diu. The Coast Guard had conducted search operation and issued necessary alert advisory to all the concerned security agencies. However, the search operation was terminated as no further inputs were received in this regard.