

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:439
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2010
SETTING UP OF COAST GUARD STATIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up more Coast Guard stations in different parts of the coastal areas to address the security gap along the Indian coastline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the Coast Guard stations proposed to be set up including that on the Orissa, Kerala, Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts;
- (c) whether it is proposed to modernise the stations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated for the new acquisitions?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 439 FOR ANSWER ON 26.4.2010

Coast Guard Stations are being sanctioned based on assessment of vulnerability gaps in coastal security. In the financial year 2009-10, five Coast Guard Stations have been established. These are at Gandhinagar, Vadinar and Veraval in Gujarat, Hutbay in Port Blair and Karwar in Karnataka. Further, Government have approved eleven new stations which include Gopalpur(Orissa), Pipavav (Gujarat), Ratnagiri, Murud Janjira and Dahanu (Maharashtra).

Modernisation of Coast Guard Stations including assets and equipments is done as an on going process based on requirements and for which adequate funds are provided.