

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOINT PATROLLING IN COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the security on the eastern coast of the country has been reported to be weak;
- (b) if so, whether the Coast Guard proposes to have joint patrolling with the Coastal Security Group (CSG) of the respective State Marine Police;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is proposed to set up Watch Towers in all the sensitive locations of the coastal areas in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Government has initiated several measures to strengthen coastal security, including the security of the country's eastern coast. For this purpose, coastal surveillance and patrolling have been enhanced. Joint and operational exercises are conducted on regular basis among the Navy, the Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others in order to check the effectiveness of the integrated approach adopted for security of coastal areas. Further, continuous review and monitoring mechanism have been established by the Government at different levels, involving various agencies, including the State/Union Territory authorities. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline is also an essential part of this process.