

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEASURES TO CHECK SEA BORNE THREAT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to check sea-borne security threat in the Indian Ocean Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Navy has acquired new medium-range surveillance aircraft and spy drones in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security in order to guard against sea-borne security threat. For this purpose, the 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 to check the effectiveness of the integrated approach adopted for security of coastal areas. In addition, continuous review and monitoring of various mechanism are done by the Government at different levels, which include various agencies, like the State/Union Territory authorities. Further, strengthening of the Indian Navy in terms of assets, based on felt needs, is an important ongoing process.