

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAST GUARD AIR ENCLAVE IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Coast Guard air enclave in Lakshadweep Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said enclave is likely to become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): In-principle approval of the Government has been recently accorded for the establishment of a Coast Guard Air Enclave at Minicoy in Lakshadweep Islands to cater for deployment of aircraft for search and rescue and maritime surveillance. Commissioning will be done on provision of infrastructure, assets and manpower.