

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:155

ANSWERED ON:07.03.2011

STRENGTHENING OF COASTAL SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a vast coastline of the country is still vulnerable to attacks from the sea routes;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has undertaken review of the overall coastal security systems of the country including the Lakshadweep Islands;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken for strengthening the coastal security structure;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to modernize the Coast Guard stations and also set up such new stations to address the security gap along the coastline; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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. 155 FOR ANSWER ON 7.3.2011

Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, which includes improving surveillance mechanism and enhanced patrolling. For this purpose, an integrated approach has been put in place. Joint and operational exercises are conducted on regular basis among Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others to check the effectiveness of this approach adopted for security of coastal areas including island territories. Further, continuous review and monitoring of various mechanisms have been established by the Government at different levels, involving various agencies, including the State/Union Territory authorities. The intelligence mechanism has also been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centres and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process. Coast Guard has been strengthened by way of assets, equipment and manpower including commissioning of Coast Guard station along the coast of mainland and island territories of India. Modernisation of Coast Guard is an ongoing process and priority of the Government.