

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF COASTAL SECURITY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government for strengthening coastal security in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop/deploy short-range rocket system in the Navy for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, which includes improving surveillance mechanism and enhanced patrolling by following an integrated approach. Joint 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 Centers and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process. Development/deployment of assets are done as per threat perception and defence requirement.