GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1496
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2011
PROPOSAL UNDER COASTAL SECURITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of proposal received from the Government of Gujarat under the Coastal Security Scheme;
- (b) the amount and items sanctioned thereunder:
- (c) whether coastal areas between Jakhau and Medi are not being effectively patrolled by the border guarding forces;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the floating Border Outposts (BOPs) of BSF water wing has withdrawn from the Kori Creek- Sir Creek area despite the area being vulnerable to infiltration from across the border;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the deployment of Border Security Forces in the said area?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1496 FOR 09.-8.2011.

(a) & (b): Based on the vulnerability-gap analysis in consultation with all concerned stakeholders, all the coastal States and Union Territories including Gujarat have sent proposals for formulation of Coastal Security Scheme (Phase-II), The scheme has been approved by the Government for implementation in all the nine coastal States and four Union Territories for a period of 5 years from 1St April, 2011. The details of approved items and outlay for Gujarat under Coastal Security Scheme (Phase-II) are given below:

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S.No. Items approved Estimated Outlay approved (Rs. in Lakh)
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- 1 Coastal Police Stations (CPSs)12 Rs. 48.00 lakhs 576.00
- 2 Boats-31 Rs. 400 lakhs 12400.00
- 3 Vehicles: Four-wheelers-12 Rs. 7 lakhs 84.00 Motor Cycles-24 Rs. 0.60 lakhs 14.40
- 4 Lump-sum assistance for CPSs $\,$ Rs. 15 lakhs per PS 180.00 $\,$

Total 13504.40

(c) to (g): Indian Coast Guard is regularly deploying ships and aircrafts between Sir Creek and Jakhau. Hovercrafts and Interceptor Boats are also deployed from Jakhau to carry out patrol of sensitive areas between Sir Creek and Jakhau along the coast. The Border Security Forces (BSF), which has been deployed as border guarding force on Indo-Pak international border in Gujarat, is carrying out round the clock surveillance and patrolling in the area under their jurisdiction with sufficient number of available watercrafts and other vessels. At a time, three floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) are deployed in the Creeks. Like every year all BOPs have been withdrawn in May, 2011 due to rough weather and turbulent sea conditions. However, area is being dominated from baseline in the form of patrolling and Naka.