

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD NAVY SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government participated in the World Navy Summit organized in Djibouti;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking steps to get permanent membership in the campaign against Somalian pirates; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): India is already a member of the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS), an international cooperation mechanism among the states, regional and international organizations for combating piracy off the coast of Somalia and which informs United Nations Security Council (UNSC) of the progress of its activities on a regular basis. Indian Navy is also cooperating with other Navies in countering piracy in Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea through Shared Awareness and Deconfliction Mechanism (SHADE) etc.