

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5164
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2011
FORCE LEVEL OF COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the force level of the Coast Guard in terms of ships, vessels, aircraft etc.;
- (b) whether the Coast Guard is operating at half its required strength as reported recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reactions of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5164 FOR ANSWER ON 5.9.2011

There are 73 Surface Platforms and 52 Aircraft including Helicopters in Indian Coast Guard located at various units across the country. Further, procurement of necessary equipment including Vessels and Aircraft is an ongoing process. The Coast Guard has been adequately equipped to carry out the role assigned to it by the Government.