

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish an Automatic Identification System (AIS) via satellite for monitoring and tracking of fishing boats/ships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to set up AIS chain at various lighthouses across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which such AIS is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

- (a) & (b): At present there is no proposal to establish Automatic Identification System (AIS) via satellite for monitoring and tracking of fishing boats/ships.
- (c) & (d): A national Automatic Identification System (AIS) network is being established along the Indian coastline to monitor the vessels fitted with AIS transponders. It will provide seamless coverage for the vessels with on board AIS transponder along the Indian coastline and it will consist of:-
- (i) Eighty-five shore stations at various lighthouses.
 - (ii) Four regional control centres at Jamnagar, Cochin, Chennai and Kolkata.
 - (iii) Two coastal control centres at Mumbai and Visakhapatnam.
 - (iv) One National Data Centre at Mumbai.
 - (v) User terminal for Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Directorate General of Shipping at Mumbai and Visakhapatnam.
 - (vi) Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands will be covered under AIS network during the second phase.
 - (vii) Web client services for public use.