

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4193  
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COASTAL SECURITY  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any expert panel on coastal security;
- (b) if so, the details and composition thereof alongwith the number of meetings held, etc., during the last two years;
- (c) whether it discussed/shared information regarding issues related to ships and coastal security;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): The National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security against threats from the Sea was formed in August, 2009 with a view to ensure timely implementation of various important decisions taken by the Government in respect of maritime and coastal security of the country, consequent to the terrorists attack in Mumbai on 26.11.2008. The Committee is headed by the Cabinet Secretary with members from various other Ministries/Departments. The Committee has met on five occasions i.e., on 04.09.2009, 22.01.2010, 14.05.2010, 23.11.2010 and 29.01.2011. The issues relating to Shipping and Coastal Security inter-alia were discussed in these meetings. However, it is mentioned that this Committee is not an expert panel.