

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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COAST GUARD STATIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Coast Guard stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which they are likely to be operational; and
- (d) the other measures including the increase in manpower strength being taken to strengthen the Coast Guard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government has already approved setting up of eleven new Coast Guard stations. State wise details are as under:-

- 1. Gujarat One
- 2. Maharashtra One
- 3. Tamil Nadu One
- 4. Andhra Pradesh Two
- 5. Orissa One
- 6. West Bengal Two
- 7. Andaman & Nicobar Two
- 8. Lakshwadeep & Minicoy Islands One

Commissioning of these stations will be done on provision of infrastructure, assets and manpower.

(d) Various steps have been taken to strengthen the Indian Coast Guard in recent past. Besides, eleven new Coast Guard Stations, new Air Stations and Air Enclaves have been approved. Government has also sanctioned additional platforms including ships, aircraft and helicopters for the Indian Coast Guard. Substantial increase has also taken place in the manpower strength. Government is fully committed to make Indian Coast Guard a strong arm of our coastal security.