

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SAFETY MEASURES FOR SHIPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Shipping has requested his Ministry regarding safety measures for the ships/vessels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the amount allocated for this purpose lapsed due to no response from his ministry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(d): Ministry of Defence had requested M/o Shipping to advise all Indian Shipping companies to adopt the Best Management Practices (BMPs) particularly with respect to the construction of a 'Safe House' or 'Citadel'on their ships for protecting the crew in the event of a piracy attack. M/o Shipping has advised the Shipping industry to adopt the BMPs which inter-alia include alarms, evasive manoeuvres, enhanced vigilance during watch keeping, control of access points and safe houses.