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REVIEW OF COASTAL SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken review of the coastal security system recently;
- (b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken to strengthen coastal security in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the said measures have proved to be effective to meet the desired objectives; and
- (e) if so, the manner in which the coastal surveillance mechanism is working round-the-clock?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Government attaches utmost importance to nation's coastal security and surveillance. Review and monitoring of coastal security mechanism is a continuous process. Several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, including improving surveillance mechanism and enhanced patrolling by security agencies following an integrated approach have been put in place. Joint operational exercises are conducted on regular basis. The intelligence mechanism has also been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centers and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Installation of radars covering the country's coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process.

(d) & (e): The coastal security measures adopted have been effective. The coastal areas are under continuous patrolling and surveillance by both surface and air assets of Indian Navy and Coast Guard.