

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7450  
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ROLE OF FISHERMEN IN COASTAL SECURITY  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the security of coastline of the country is an integral part of the overall security of the nation;
- (b) whether sufficient number of security forces are available for coastal security;
- (c) if not, whether fishermen could be used to get valuable information relating to National security; and
- (d) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/planned by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Madam, the security of coastline of the country is an integral part of the overall security of the nation.

(b) to (d): Coastal Security is a multi agency responsibility that involves surveillance, intelligence gathering, dissemination of information and actual armed confrontation. However, each of the organizations involved in Coastal Security have their individual charter of duties and responsibilities. The main agencies participating in Coastal Security along the entire coastline include Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Coastal Marine Police, State Police, Customs, Central Industrial Security Force(CISF), State Fisheries, Intelligence Bureau, Port Authority, etc.

The fishermen are also being used as 'eyes and ears' to get valuable information relating to national security for intelligence gathering. Indian Coast Guard is regularly conducting community interaction programmes in the fishermen dominated villages along the coast to get valuable information relating to national security. The community interaction programmes are aimed at sensitizing the fishing community on the prevailing security situation. Since 2009, a total no. of 1354 community interaction programmes have been conducted by the Indian Coast Guard.