

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6320

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SECURITY OF SIR CREEK AREAS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sensitive coast between Jakhau and Medi is not effectively covered under patrolling by the Coast Guards and the Border Security Force (BSF) (Water Wing) due to lack of adequate manpower and suitable boats which can navigate in shallow water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the floating Border out Posts (BoPs) of BSF Water Wing are withdrawn in the Kori Creek-Sir Creek area during monsoon every year thus exposing this vulnerable area to infiltration from across the borders; and

(d) if so, whether the Government plans to deploy suitable vessels or erect appropriate structures to have permanent post of BSF in the sensitive Creek area?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The coastal area between Jakhau and Medi is manned by Coastal Police of the Government of Gujarat and the Coast Guard. Company level deployment has been made by BSF for the area.

(c) to (d): Floating BOPs of BSF Water Wing are withdrawn from the Kori Creek-Sir Creek area during rough weather every year i.e. five months (April-May to September-October). During this period, base line domination and surveillance of Sir Creek/Kori Creek area is enhanced and Creek Patrolling is carried out by means of Fast Patrol Boats stationed at Koteshwar. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Mission is carried out regularly to check any intrusion in the Creek area. Four All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have been made available in Gujarat Frontier to keep effective domination in Creek area of Harami Nala.