

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the security of all the major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Port-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has not been able to provide an Automatic Identification System (AIS) based virtual marker system in the main water channels;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide unbreakable security at all ports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The Government has decided to upgrade the security by installing Radio Active Detectors in all the major ports. Department of Revenue has issued sanction for installation of 3 mobile Gamma Ray Scanners at ports of Chennai, Tuticorin & Kandla and 4 fixed X-ray scanners for installation at the ports of Mumbai, Chennai, Tutocim and Kandla.
- (c) & (d): An AIS station has been installed by the Director General of Lighthouses & Lightships (DGLL) at Korlai fort, south of Mumbai through which 6 nos. virtual markers have been placed in Mumbai harbour channel on an experimental basis.
- (e): The steps taken by the Government to provide security include:
 - (i) Issuance of biometric I-cards.
 - (ii) Acquisition of Speed Boats & Patrolling Boats.
 - (iii) Installation of CCTVs.
 - (iv) Installation of VTMS.