

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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COASTAL SECURITY

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the existing security and monitoring mechanism in place to ensure coastal and offshore security in the country and coordination between the three Services of the armed forces;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the security situation in the recent past and taken several measures in order to strengthen the coastal security apparatus; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A coastal security ring all along our coast is provided by Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Marine Police. Review and monitoring of coastal security mechanism is a continuous process. Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, which include improving surveillance mechanism and enhanced patrolling by following an integrated approach. Joint operational exercises are conducted on regular basis among Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others to check the effectiveness of this approach adopted for security of coastal areas including island territories. 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 entire coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process.