

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COASTAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan to protect the entire Indian coastline from various types of small and big foreign vessels unauthorisedly entering the Indian Waters with some ulterior motive has been formulated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to cover the entire coastline under security radar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Government has accorded top priority to strengthening the mechanism ensuring overall coastal and maritime security of the country through increased coastal surveillance by deployment of the assets of both Navy and Coast Guard. The inputs received by intelligence agencies are being shared on daily basis through the Multi-agency Mechanism. Further this intelligence mechanism has been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centers. In order to improve preparedness and seamless integration of various security agencies against such threats, Joint Operational exercises are taking place on regular basis among the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Coastal State Police, Customs and others.

(c) & (d): A Coastal Surveillance network consisting of a chain of static radar and electrooptic sensors at 84 remote sites is envisaged all along the coast line including the island territories. In the first phase 46 radars (36 on mainland and 10 in island territories) have been planned which is envisaged to be fully functional by middle of next year.