

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1390

ANSWERED ON:03.12.2012

COASTAL SECURITY

Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram;Rane Dr. Nilesh Narayan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken review of the coastal security system recently;
- (b) if so, whether adequate measures have been taken by the Government to strengthen coastal security in the country including Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the said measures have proved to be effective; and
- (e) if so, the details of the coastal surveillance mechanism working round-the-clock?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Review of the coastal security apparatus in the country, including that of Maharashtra, is a continuous process. A three tier coastal security ring all along our coast including Maharashtra Coast is provided by Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy. Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, which includes 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 for security of coastal areas including island territories. Further, continuous review and monitoring of various mechanisms have been established by the Government involving various agencies, including the State / Union Territory authorities. 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.