

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3691  
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MARITIME BOUNDARY WITH SRI LANKA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has requested Sri Lanka not to attack those who cross the maritime boundary line;
- (b) if so, the response received by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government had furnished to Sri Lankan Government the number of attacks made on Sri Lankan Navy during the last one year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Government of India attaches the highest importance to the safety, security and welfare of Indian fishermen and has consistently taken up issues relating to incidents of attack on Indian fishermen with the Government of Sri Lanka, through diplomatic channels. After implementing mutually agreed arrangements, the incidents of attack and apprehension of bonafide Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan authorities, have significantly come down. It has also been agreed to enhance cooperation to allow both countries to pursue their fishing activity in a safe, secure and sustainable manner.

The Government continues to remain engaged with the Government of Sri Lanka to ensure that fishermen on both sides can pursue their livelihood in a safe, secure and sustainable manner.