

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

- (a) whether security system along the coastal areas of our country is being monitored regularly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any deficiency in security apparatus has been found out during regular monitoring;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to plug the loopholes in the coastal security system?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Monitoring and assessment of the coastal security system is an ongoing process. National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS), under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary monitors the progress in respect of coastal security initiatives. In addition coastal security exercises are followed by conduct of debriefing and sharing of lessons learnt between all the stakeholders alongwith interactions with fishermen & State agencies through coastal security awareness programs. The coastal security exercises and review are an ongoing process which ensure interoperation and seamless coastal security.

(e) The intelligence mechanism has been streamlined through establishing Joint Operation Centres and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Installation of radars covering the country's entire coastline and islands is also an essential part of this process.