

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Indian Coast Guard has taken adequate measures under community interaction programme to sensitize the fishermen living along the sea borders as the eyes and ears for intelligence gathering; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam, Indian Coast Guard is organizing the community interaction programmes for the fishermen to bring in awareness about safety issues at sea. During these community interaction programmes certain welfare measures like organizing medical camps, distribution of medicines and other items have regularly been undertaken by the Indian Coast Guard. These measures have helped Indian Coast Guard to develop a bond with the fishing community and have encouraged the fishing community in sharing of information with ICG. A total of 1641 community interaction programmes have been conducted by the Indian Coast Guard since 2009 till 30th September, 2012.