

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1140  
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SECURITY AT PORTS  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the security of all the major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Port-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide unbreakable security at all ports in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to upgrade the security by installing X-ray container scanners and Radio Active Detectors at all the major ports. On the directions of Ministry of Shipping, all major ports have placed orders for radiation detection equipment with ECIL. Department of Revenue has also issued sanction for installation of 3 mobile Gamma Ray Scanners at ports of Chennai, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOCPT) & Kandla and 4 fixed X-ray scanners for installation at the ports of Mumbai, Chennai, VOCPT and Kandla.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to provide security include:

- (i) Deployment of CISF in all the Major Ports.
- (ii) Issuance of biometric I-cards.
- (iii) Acquisition of Speed Boats & Patrolling Boats.
- (iv) Installation of CCTVs.
- (v) Installation of VTMS.