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COASTAL SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the coastal security system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up additional Coast Guard Stations along the coastline of the country including Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Review of the coastal security apparatus in the country is a continuous process. A three tier coastal security ring all along our coast is provided by Marine Police, Indian Coast Guard and Indian Navy. Government has initiated several measures to strengthen Coastal Security, which include 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. 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.

(c) & (d): Coast Guard Stations along the coastline are set up considering the threat perception, vulnerability analysis and presence of other stations in the vicinity. At present 40 Coast Guard Stations along the coastline including 8 stations in Gujarat are functional.