

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PIRACY IN INDIAN OCEAN  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the incidents of piracy in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean are on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has tied up with any naval power to coordinate joint patrolling exercises against pirates to tackle this menace and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India is a member of any international platform for sharing information and coordinating activities to address this issue at a global level; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Madam. However, a convoy coordination between the Indian, Chinese, Japanese Navies, who are operating independently for anti-piracy in the Gulf of Aden, has been implemented w.e.f. 1.1.2012.
- (d) & (e): India is represented in the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS), which has brought together more than 60 countries and 20 international organizations all working towards the prevention of piracy off the Somalia Coast. Shared Awareness and Deconfliction (SHADE) is another initiative of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) formed in 2009 to facilitate exchange of piracy related unclassified information between the forces deployed for anti-piracy operations. This mechanism exists under the Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 and is being attended by European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) and other navies operating in the Gulf of Aden. India participates in SHADE meetings.