GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:498
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013
INFILTRATION IN COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of coastline along each of the coastal State/UT in the country;
- (b) whether there has been increasing incidents of infiltration along each of these coastal State/UT in the country during each of the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has been implementing various schemes in vulnerable States/ UTs to check infiltration during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and utilised by various States / UTs in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.498 FOR 30.04.2013.

(a) The total length of coastline along each of the coastal State/UT in the country is as follows:

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Sl. No. State / UT Length of
                (in km)
    coastline
(i) Gujarat 1214.7
(ii) Maharashtra 652.6
(iii) Goa, Daman and Diu 160.5
(iv) Karnataka 280.0
            569.7
(v) Kerala
(vi) Tamil Nadu 906.9
(vii) Pudducherry 30.6
(viii) Andhra Pradesh 973.7
(ix) Odisha 476.4
(x) West Bengal 157.5
(xi) Lakshadweep Islands 132.0
(xii) Andaman & Nicobar Islands 1962.0
 Total Coastline 7516.6
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(b) to (e): There are no reports indicating increase in incidents of infiltration in coastal areas during the last three years.

The following security measures have been taken to strengthen coastal security and check infiltration along the coastline.

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 includes 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 to check the effectiveness of this approach adopted for security of coastal areas including island territories. Further, continuous review and monitoring of various mechanisms have been established by the Government at different levels, involving various agencies, including the State / Union Territory authorities. 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. Issue of biometric identity card to coastal population including fishermen and registration of all type of boats/vessels plying in Indian water are the other steps taken by the Govt. to strengthen Coastal security.

The Government is implementing the Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) in two Phases. The implementation of the Coastal Security

Scheme Phase - I which provided for 73 Police Stations, 97 Check Posts, 58 Out Posts 30 Barracks, 204 boats, 153 Jeeps and 312 Motorcycles has been completed on 31.03.2011.

The coastal States/UTs carried out vulnerability/gap analysis in consultation with Coast Guard to firm up their additional requirements for formulation of Phase-II Scheme of the Coastal Security. After getting detailed proposals from the coastal States/UTs. Coastal Security Scheme Phase-II was approved for implementation over a period of 5 years from 01.04.2011. The Scheme provides for 131 Coastal Police States, 60 jetties, 10 Marine Police Operational Centres equipped with 150 (12 ton) boats, 20 (19 meter) boats, 10 large vessels, 10 (5 ton) boats, 131 four wheelers, 242 two wheelers and 35 Rigid Inflatable Boats.

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Funds released to States/UTs under CSS Phase-II
                                                              (Rs. in lakhs)
Sl. State / UT Years
No. 2011-12 2012-13
No.
1 Gujarat 643.40 468.14
2 Maharashtra 243.00
3 Goa 75.80 196.00
4 Daman and Diu 98.00
5 Karnataka 238.80 146.00
6 Kerala 400.00
7 Tamil Nadu 945.20 1434.00
8 Pudducherry 50.11 -
9 Andhra Pradesh 97.10 1295.00
10 Odisha 223.22
11 West Bengal 200.00 -
12 Lakshadweep 49.19 260.00
13 Andaman & Nicobar 1502.00
14 GSL Goa 1293.97 1634.92
                                    1200.00
15 GRSE Kolkatta 3176.98
GRAND TOTAL 9236.77 7996.
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Note: - Release of funds to GSL, Goa and GRSE, Kolkata has been made either as the cost of boats or maintenance of boats, which have been delivered to Coastal States/UTs.