## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2758
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MODERNISATION OF COAST GUARD
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## Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake the modernisation of the Coast Guard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the short-term and long-term plans to modernize the Coast Guard; and
- (c) the total funds allocated for the modernization programme?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2758 FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2009

Modernization of the Indian Coast Guard is an on-going process based on threat perception, technological changes and available resources. The sea and air assets of Coast Guard are being enhanced with acquisition of Multimission Maritime Aircraft, Dornier Aircraft, Twin-engine Helicopters, Light Helicopters, Offshore Patrol vessels, Inshore Patrol Vessels, Fast Patrol Vessels, Interceptor Boats, Air Cushion Vehicles, Fast Speed Boats and Interceptor Craft along with associated surveillance, communication, navigational equipment and armaments. Rs. 1155.59 Crores has been earmarked for modernization during the financial year 2009-10.