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MARITIME SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently undertaken review of coastal security system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of setting up of Maritime Security Advisory Board as recommended by the Kargil Review Committee to coordinate with security agencies; and
- (d) the status of integration of maritime agencies in coastal security mechanism?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Government has accorded top priority to coastal security and for this purpose continuous review and monitoring mechanism has been established including reviews by Raksha Mantri. A high level committee under the Cabinet Secretary has also been constituted comprising of officers from various Central Ministries and agencies and the Chief Secretaries of the Coastal State Governments/Union Territories. For effective Coastal Security an integrated approach has been put in place. The intelligence-sharing mechanism has been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centres and multi agency coordination mechanism. The coastal surveillance and patrolling has been enhanced both by Navy and Coast Guard. Joint and operational exercises are taking place on regular basis between Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others in order to check the effectiveness of the new systems.