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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 progress of various steps and action taken to enhance Coastal Security of the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard along with the name of the other departments participated during such review;
- (c) the details of the suggestions received from various stakeholders during the said review;
- (d) whether the progress of installation of Coastal Static Radars have also been reviewed by the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the status of installation of radars as on date; and
- (f) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred in installation of various such radars in mainland and island territories separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The coastal security issues are regularly reviewed at appropriate levels with National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS), being the apex body for inter-ministerial and inter-agency coordination. Various agencies such as Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, National Security Council Secretariat, Intelligence Bureau and Chief Secretaries of Coastal States and Union Territories, associated with security of the country participate in the NCSMCS meeting. Defence Minister also reviews coastal security from time to time. Besides the general working of the coastal security apparatus, manpower and assets issues of Indian Navy and Coast Guard, coordination between various security agencies, establishment of surveillance network along the coast and monitoring of shipping vessels were discussed during these meetings.

(d) to (f): The installation of Coastal Static Radar is reviewed from time to time. The project for establishment of this chain of 46 static radar sensors along the coastline at a cost of Rs.601.77 crores has been implemented. 34 radars stations on the mainland have been activated.