

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF PORTS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coastal areas and ports in the country including Gujarat are vulnerable to infiltration and terrorist attacks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to upgrade/strengthen the security of coastal areas and ports of the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam, the threat to coastal areas and vital installations, including ports, continues to remain high in view of the prevailing security scenario in and around the immediate neighbourhood of the country.

(c): Our security agencies maintain a high level of vigilance so as to foil the designs of inimical elements. Based on the inputs received from time to time, advisories are issued to the Ministry/ Department/Organization and State Government/Union Territory administration concerned, to strengthen the security arrangements. Necessary assistance is also given to the State Governments of the coastal States to implement the coastal Security Scheme. Under Phase-I of the scheme 73 Police Stations, 97 check Posts, 58 Outposts and 30 Barracks were constructed in the 13 coastal States, including Gujarat. Further, 204 Boats, 153 Jeeps and 312 Motorcycles were also provided to these States/Union Territories under the scheme.

To further strengthen coastal Security, the Coastal State/Union Territories carried out a vulnerability/gap analysis in consultation with the coast Guard to firm up their additional requirements for formulation of coastal Security scheme Phase-II, which envisages provision of 131 Police Stations, 60 Jetties equipped with 225 Boats, 131 Four-Wheelers and 242 Two-Wheelers.

The security of major ports in the country is the responsibility of the Central Government. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is deployed at 12 major ports in the country, including Kandla in Gujarat. Central Security Agencies also carry out periodic security audits of these 12 major ports and based on the recommendations of these security audit reports, advisories are issued to the Departments/ organization concerned for strengthening the security arrangements.

The responsibility for security arrangements for the non-major and minor ports in the country vests with the respective State Governments.