

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COAST GUARD STATIONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan of Indian Coast Guard for setting up Coast Guard stations along the coastline of the country including Gujarat, port-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to set up Coast Guard station in South Gujarat in view of the fact that the two LNG Terminals which are operational in the country at present are located at Dahej and Hazira and also because of major and critical industrial complexes being located at the two locations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b) Coast Guard stations at a particular place are set up after taking into account the threat perception, vulnerability gap analysis and presence of other stations / coastal marine police stations in the vicinity. There are currently 41 Coast Guard Stations which have been established and one station at Frazerganj (West Bengal) is in the process of being set up.

There are already eight Coast Guard Stations in Gujarat. Additionally, one Coastal Marine Police Station has already been established at Hazira and another one approved for establishment at Dahej to function under hub and spoke concept with Coast Guard Stations.