

**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 total number of coast guard stations functioning in the country, State / UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps for upgrading existing coast guard stations with latest technologies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up more such stations in the country; and
- (e) if so, the location-wise details thereof and the other measures taken for enhancing coastal security of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): There are currently 42 Coast Guard stations which have been established along the coastline of the country as per the details mentioned at Annexure. The Indian Coast Guard has been suitably equipped to protect the maritime and other national interests in the maritime zones of India. Further, acquisition of new equipment, aircraft, boats and ships for Coast Guard is an ongoing process as per the threat perceptions.

(d) & (e): Presently, there is no proposal for setting-up more Coast Guard Stations. However, several measures to strengthen coastal security which include improving surveillance mechanism by installation of radars covering the country's coastline / islands and enhanced patrolling by security agencies following an integrated approach. Joint operational exercises are conducted on regular basis among Navy, Coast Guard, Coastal Police, Customs and others. Intelligence mechanism has also been streamlined through the creation of Joint Operation Centres and multi-agency coordination mechanism. Additionally, Indian Coast Guard is also organising Community Interaction Programmes (CIP) for the fishermen to bring awareness amongst fisher folk for strengthening coastal security mechanism.

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