

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDO SRI LANKAN COAST GUARDS MEET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level meeting was held between Indian Coast Guard and Sri Lankan Coast Guard in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the major issues discussed; and
- (c) the details of issues on which Coast Guards of both the countries have agreed to cooperate?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A high level meeting between Director General, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Director General, Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) was held at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi on 25.06.2014. The major issues discussed during the meeting included training and cooperation on maritime search and rescue, maritime pollution response, conduct of joint maritime exercises and speedy release and repatriation of fishermen. The Coast Guards of both countries have agreed to strengthen cooperation through institutionalized bilateral mechanisms. They also agreed to continue co-operation for speedy release and repatriation of fishermen found violating the maritime boundary between the two countries.