

**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 security of major ports in the country including Gujarat needs to be upgraded/strengthened; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): All major ports in the country, including Kandla port in Gujarat, are guarded by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Security of the other ports is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The security arrangements of the ports where CISF is deployed, are reviewed from time to time with reference to requirement of manpower, gadgetry and other equipment, in order to ensure highest standards of security.

The Central Security Agencies also carry out periodical security audits of the major ports and their recommendations are forwarded to the authorities concerned, for necessary action, in order to further strengthen security.

Among the measures taken to strengthen the security is the installation of Container Scanner facilities, which are presently available only at Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Mumbai and has also been recently installed at Tuticorin Port Trust, Tamil Nadu.