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Title: Need to revamp security arrangement along the coastline of Konkan region.

SHRI NILESH NARAYAN RANE (RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG): After 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, the Government has reportedly revamped coastal security in the country, especially in the Konkan coastline against any possible terrorist attack. But nothing much has changed on the ground. Only periodic red alerts are issued by the intelligence agencies asking fishermen to refrain from venturing into the sea. Konkan beaches are serene and are extremely vulnerable from security point of view. But unfortunately the coastal security arrangements including security patrolling and intelligence gathering leave much to be desired. The Coast Guard, the Navy and the Coastal Police all are mandated to maintain strict coastal vigil, yet there are serious problems of coordination and operational jurisdiction among them. Contrary to the official claims, the locals and fishermen often say that neither Coast Guard nor the navy is actively patrolling the Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg coast of Konkan.

I urge the Government to revamp coastal security in Konkan region, Maharashtra on a priority basis.