

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1026

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13, 1936 (SAKA)

SECURITY OF WESTERN COASTS

1026. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the security of western coasts of the Country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any shortcomings were detected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) what action Government proposes to take thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : There are various mechanisms in place to review the coastal security i.e. (i) Raksha Mantri periodically reviews the coastal security; (ii) National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security against threats from the Sea (NCSMCS) headed by the Cabinet Secretary has been reviewing the coastal security periodically since its formation in 2009; (iii) Steering Committee for Review of Coastal Security constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Border Management) periodically review the coastal security. In these meetings various decisions are being taken for the overall strengthening of the coastal security of the country.

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(c), (d) & (e) : Coastal Security is an evolving concept. Lessons learnt and experience gained in the past are put to use for an improved coastal security set up in a holistic manner. In this regard, the following measures have been taken for strengthening coastal security of Indian coasts including western coast :

- (i) Establishment of three-tier arrangement for protection and maritime security of the country by the Indian Navy, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Marine Police of the coastal States and Union Territories.
- (ii) Coastal Security Scheme (Phase-I), implemented from 2005-06 to 2010-11. The coastal States/UTs have operationalized 73 coastal police stations, 97 check posts, 58 outposts and 30 barracks. The Coastal States/UTs were provided with 204 boats, 153 jeeps, 312 motor cycles and 10 Rigid Inflatable Boats (RIBs) for surveillance offshore and onshore.
- (iii) Implementation of Phase-II of the Coastal Security Scheme, commenced w.e.f. 1st April, 2011 over a period of 5 years, where States/UTs would be provided with 131 Marine Police Stations, 60 jetties, 10 Marine Operation Centres, 225 boats, 131 four wheelers and 242 motorcycles.
- (iv) Registration of all sea-going vessels including fishing vessels has been made mandatory.
- (v) Installation of Automatic Identification Systems for above 20 mtr. Vessels to track their movements.
- (vi) Establishment of four Joint Operation Centres at Mumbai, Vishakhapatnam, Kochi and Port Blair.
- (vii) Establishing Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN) comprises 46 stations having RADAR, day/night camera and weather sensors.
- (viii) Establishing National Automatic Identification System (NAIS) networks comprises 74 Automatic Identification System (AIS) receiving stations along the coastline.
- (ix) Establishment of nine additional Coast Guard Stations.
- (x) Installation of VTMS in all the major ports and a few non major ports to monitor and regulate the movement of ships
- (xi) Establishing institutional arrangement at states and district level for coordination among various agencies including ICG and Navy.
- (xii) Strengthening of intelligence sharing mechanism through Multi Agency Centre (MAC)/Subsidiary Multi Agency Centre (SMAC) among all the security agencies

- (xiii) Issuance of bio-metric cards to coastal population and to the fishermen and issuance of card readers to the user agencies
- (xiv) Demarcation of the area of Coastal Police Stations.
- (xv) Notifying the fish landing points and monitoring thereof
- (xvi) Mapping of vital details such as locations of Marine Police Stations, fishing landing points, non fishing landing points, hospitals, railway stations, customs 'naka', bomb disposal facilities etc on the map of all the coastal States/UTs.
- (xvii) Colour coding of fishing boats.
- (xviii) National Marine Police Training Institute is being established in the land offered by the Government of Gujarat, to impart training to the Marine Police personnel of all the coastal States/Union Territories in the country.
