

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF INDIAN PORTS AND CONVOYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of high risk zones in the country which have the possibility of an enemy strike having bearing on country's ports and convoys carrying cargo to these ports;
- (b) whether the Government have taken care of not deploying too many foreign vessels in and around the Indian oil field installations as chances of disruption during adverse times are substantially high;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have laid down certain guidelines in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

- (a): All the major ports are considered as high risk zones during war and are also vulnerable to terrorist attacks.
- (b) to (d): No restriction has been imposed on the deployment of foreign vessels in the ports. Ministry of Shipping advised the major ports to take strict measures to protect and safeguard ports. In addition to the regular security arrangements, measures taken include:
- Special watch is being kept on patrolling of inner harbour waters. Night patrolling has been intensified. Strict punitive action is being taken against those fishermen who attempt to enter into inner harbour water by country boats.
 - The security of the Ports has been beefed up with extra deployment of CISF personnel at various vulnerable points.
 - Entry to the port has been restricted and identity is strictly checked.
 - Water Front patrolling has been beefed up.
 - The Civil Defence Authority has been requested to conduct training programme for all categories of personnel.
 - Important security matters are being reviewed regularly.
 - Random checking at vital installation has been intensified.