

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:716
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NAVAL THREAT FROM LTTE
SHRINWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have put on 'Alert' the Western Naval Command following Naval threat of LTTE, as per reports appeared in various National Dailies; and

(b) if so, the other precautions being taken by the Government in regard thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Close surveillance over the area off the Tamil Nadu coast is being maintained by the Navy and the Coast Guard to safeguard India's security interests.