

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF COAST GUARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to strengthen the country's Coast Guards ;
- (b) If so, the details of weapons and other equipment proposed to be provided to Coast Guards ;
- (c) Whether there is a need to step up aerial and sea surveillance to make the country's coastline more secure; and
- (d) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b) : Augmenting the strength of Indian Coast Guard is a continuous process being undertaken according to the identified roles that the organization is required to perform. Presently, new assets are being procured to augment the capabilities of Coast Guard.

(c)&(d) : The surveillance over the country's coast line and island territories has been augmented by establishing new Coast Guard stations and inducting various kinds of platforms/vessels. Some of the items being acquired include Advance Offshore Patrol vessels, Fast Patrol vessels, helicopters etc.