

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1298
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
COMMISSIONING OF COAST GUARD STATION AT KAKINADA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new Coast Guard station at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh has been set up;
- (b) if so, when it was inaugurated;
- (c) the objectives behind setting up the station;
- (d) the total staff strength of the station; and
- (e) the extent to which the supervision work will be stepped up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298 FOR ANSWER ON 8.3.2007

A new Coast Guard Station at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh has been commissioned on 10th November, 2006 in order to meet the requirements arising due to increased maritime activities along the long coastline of Andhra Pradesh. There was only one Coast Guard establishment in Andhra Pradesh located at Vishakhapatnam. The maritime activities have increased in the recent past due to exploration of oil in Godavari basin and Ravva oil field off Kakinada under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). A number of fishing harbours and ports dot this coastline and many more are in the offing. Moreover, there are frequent cyclones every year along the coast. At present, the total strength of the Coast Guard Station at Kakinada is 13 personnel including officers. One new Inshore Patrol Vessel, one new Interceptor Boat and two Interceptor Crafts are scheduled for carrying out patrol and surveillance in the adjoining areas with effect from September, 2007.